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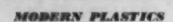
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### **Public relations**

Today, the plastics industry is said to be suffering from a temporary set-back. Among other things it is paying the penalty for inexperience, misapplications, extravagant claims and miracle type ballyhoo.

The ballyhoo in particular which, strangely enough, has come from sources other than the plastics industry has raised havoc with the plastics industry's public relations. The industry is in the peculiar position of having secured thousands of columns of free publicity that it fears has been more harmful than helpful.

What to do about it?

The answer, of course, is to give the public a real down-to-earth explanation of what is going on in the plastics industry. But how to do it is a complex problem with many facets.

The most urgent need is for cooperation and coordination among plastics people themselves in a united endeavor to inform the public on the truth about plastics. Let us dispel these plastic fairy tales. Let us give the public a background of information that will enable it to understand the plastics industry. Let us tell the people some of our production problems and let them in on our established manufacturing processes so that they may appreciate our problems and come to a better realization of how plastics are made and thus understand their limitations. Let's not fear to tell them that, like iron or wood, plastics too have certain weaknesses—that the word plastic means many things to many people and that there is no one plastic from which you can build an indestructible house, a perfect automobile, a flawless article of wearing apparel. Let us attempt to take the mystery out of plastics and tell the public why plastics is a high-grade material with a myriad of suitable applications.

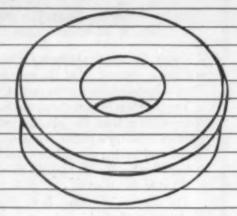
Almost nothing has been done to obtain a meeting of minds in the industry for the purpose of combining their ingenuity to work out a sound public relations program. P.M.M.A. insists that it will be concerned only with technical affairs. S.P.I. has a public relations committee and makes sporadic efforts to do something about it, but is sadly limited by funds—it is simply incredulous to believe that the Society has actually cut its public relations program budget to \$5,000—a sum that is so infinitesimal for the job to be done that it might just as well be said that the budget that is allowed for public relations is zero.

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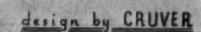


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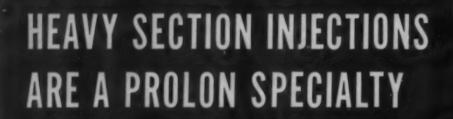
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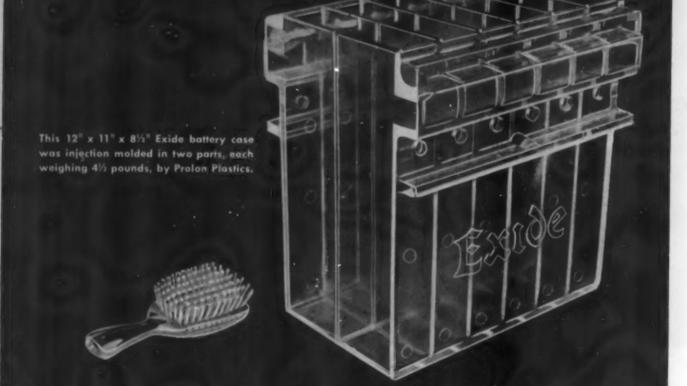
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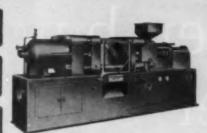
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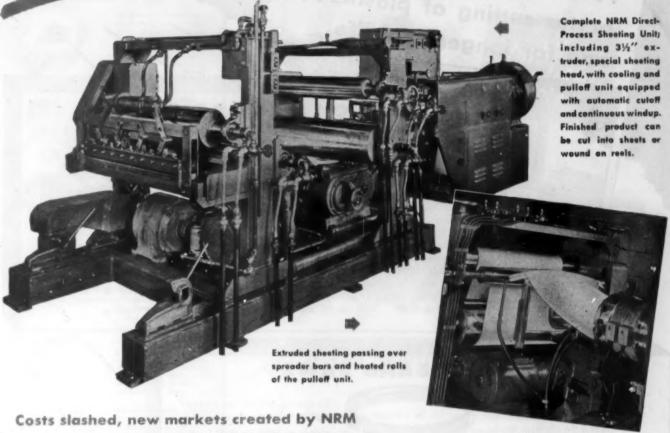
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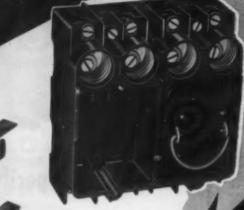
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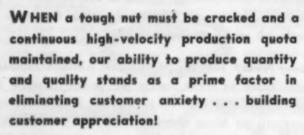
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**Auburn Saves 50% in Mold Making Time** By Use Of Hobbing Press



Perfect mold cavities are made in any desired quantity by forcing hob (master) into blank of hobbing steel by hydraulic pressure.

Up to 50% labor time in machining multiple mold cavities is saved by use of a 60-year-old device—the hobbing press.

The process consists of sinking a piece of hardened and highly polished steel, called a master or hob, into soft, cold steel or blank by use of a hydraulic press. The blank is domed and relieved, then ground and polished to a high finish before it comes into contact with the hob. When the hob is removed from the soft steel, the surface of the resulting cavity is found to be as ing cavity is found to be as smooth as the hob itself. By this method any number of mold cavities can be made with absolute uniformity in size and

Although the operation sounds fairly simple, it takes years of experience to be able to produce uniform cavities consistently. The number of punches required is seldom less than two. Sometimes as many as five are needed. Blanks must be carefully annealed and highly pol-ished after each punch. The use of specially designed punches is

of specially designed punches is extremely important to the success of the operation as well as knowing how to preshape and core the blank.

There is also the problem of hobbing speed. Ordinarily it is alow, but in some cases it must be speeded up slightly to achieve deeper cavities. And unlike a

operator's progress is always visible, the success or failure of hobbing is not known until the hob is removed from the blank. When the hydraulic pressure is on and the hob is sinking into the blank, it is impossible to see what is happening. Here the skill of the operator is all-im-portant. For if the work is done portant. For if the work is done carelessly, or pressure applied too rapidly, the hob may be broken. Many hours of labor time can be lost in a few seconds in a hobbing press if the operator is inexperienced. At Auburn, operators are thoroughly trained and hobbing is so carefully sup-ervised that accidents seldom

Occur.

Ordinarily only the female portion of the mold is hobbed. If the cavity is properly made, articles molded in it will be perfect replicas of the hob. The finish of the die is imparted by the hob and is more perfect than that secured by polishing a machined surface because of the blank metal flowing and condensing under the terrific

pressure.
Each cavity as it comes from the hobbing press is heat treated after the outside has been machined and then hard chrome plated. It is then fitted in the frame of the die. A 360-cavity mold is the largest used at Auturn Button Works.

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Use of equipment like the hobbing press is one reason why

the reverse side of the product, which takes the form of the let-

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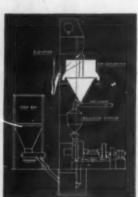
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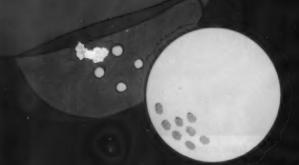


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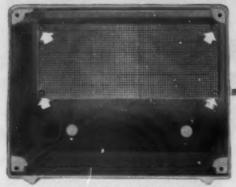
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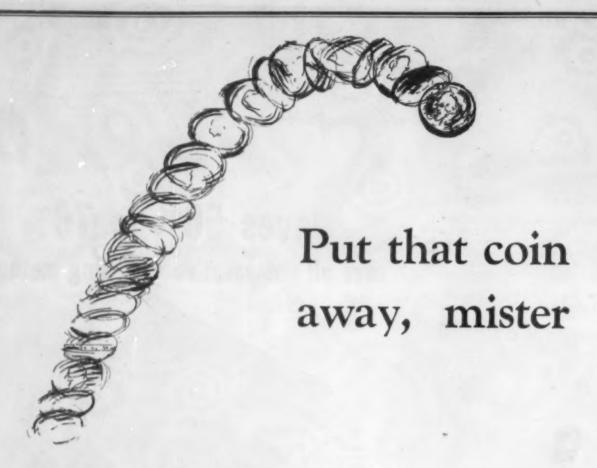
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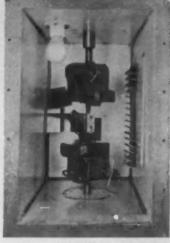
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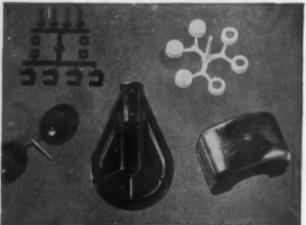


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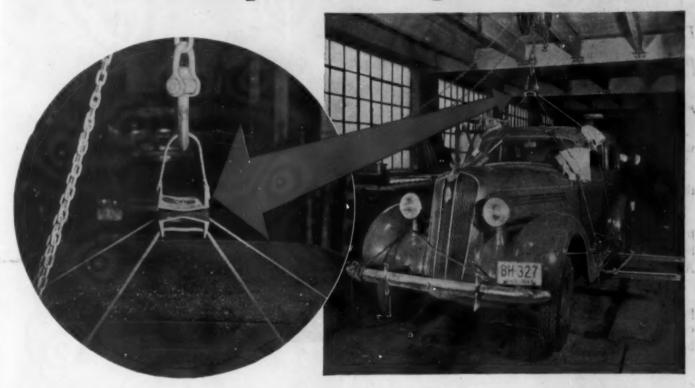
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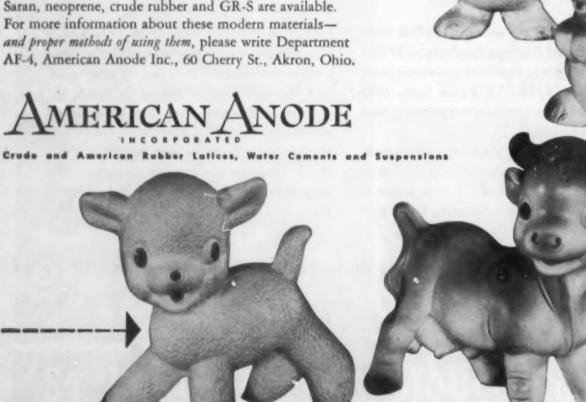
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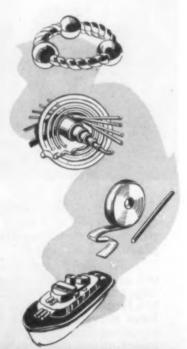
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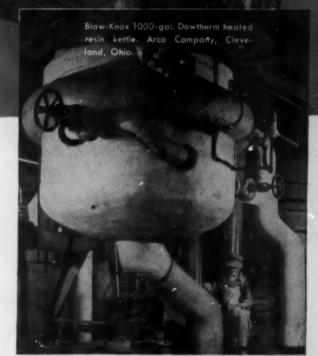
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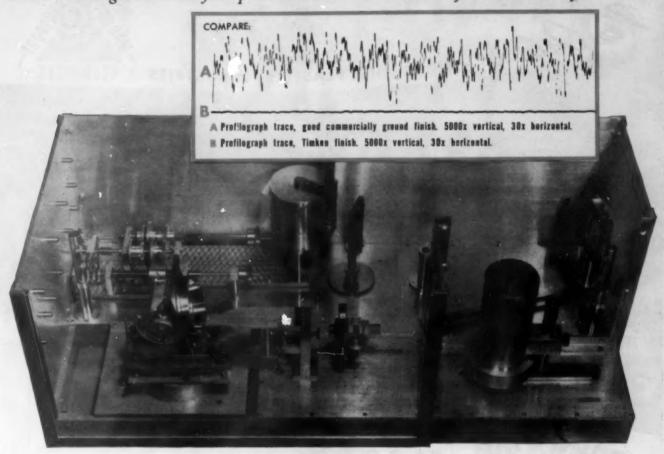


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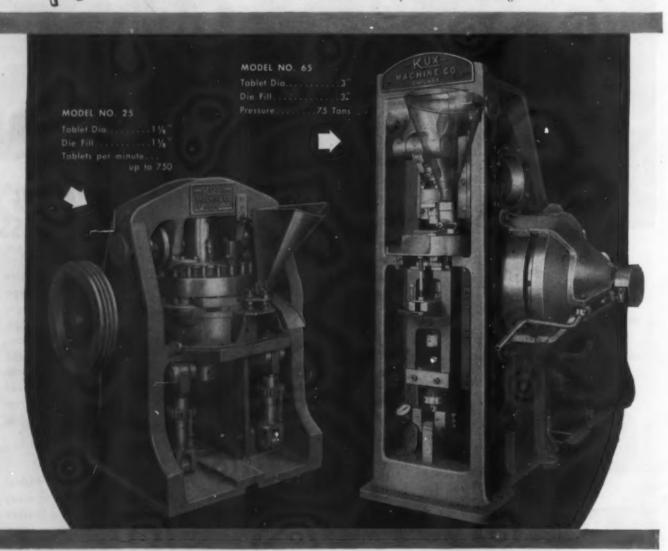
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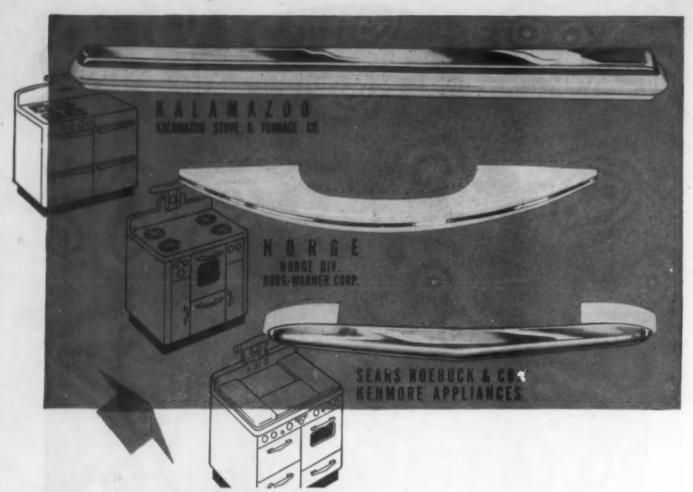
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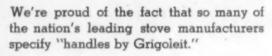


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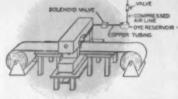
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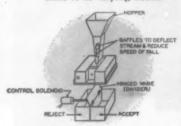
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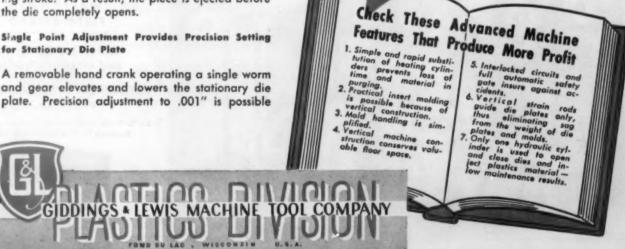
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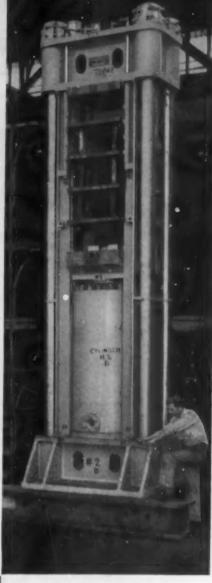


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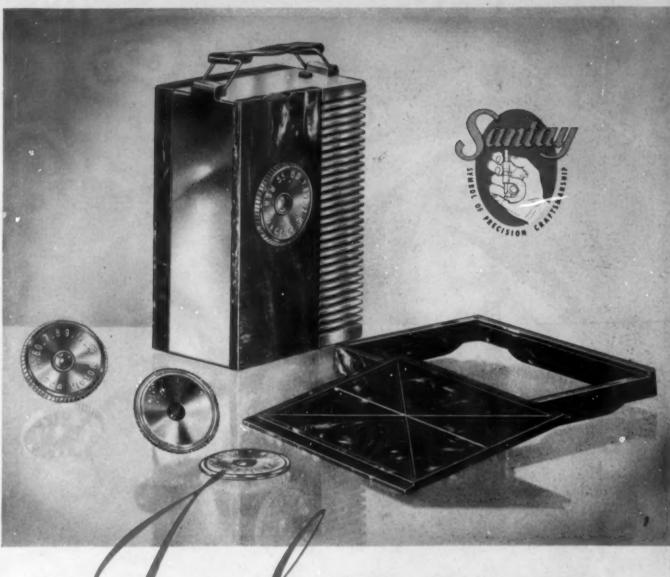
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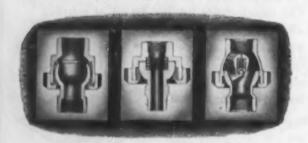
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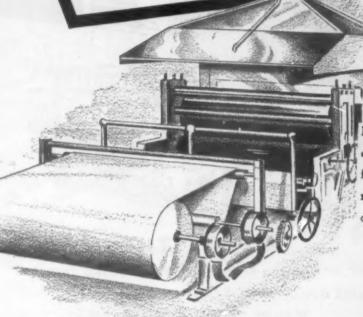


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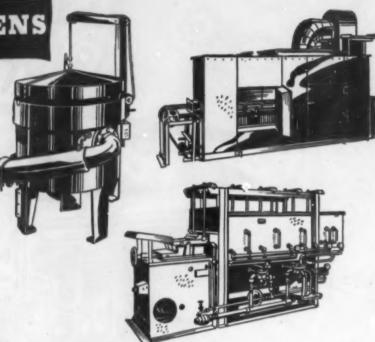
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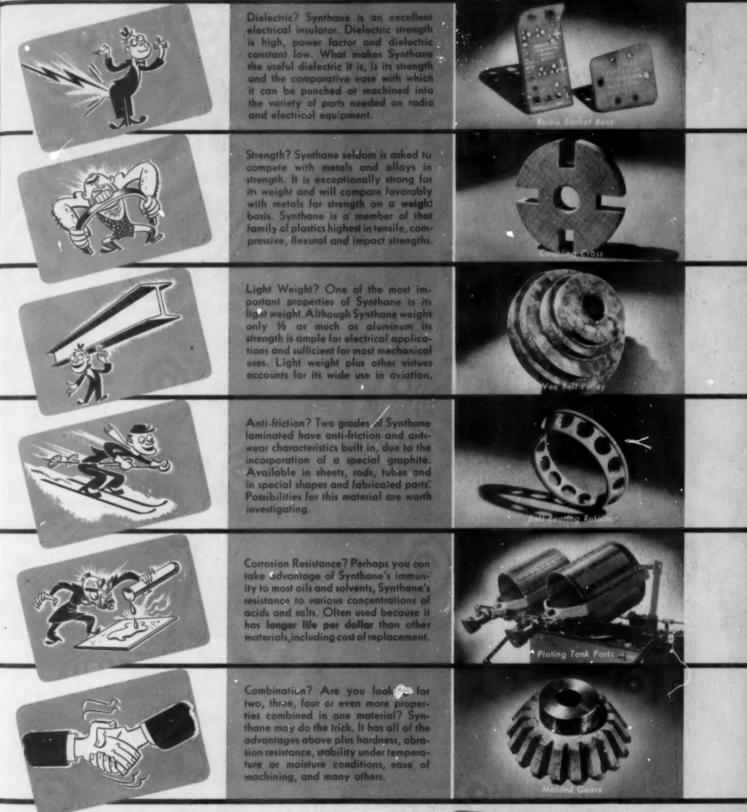
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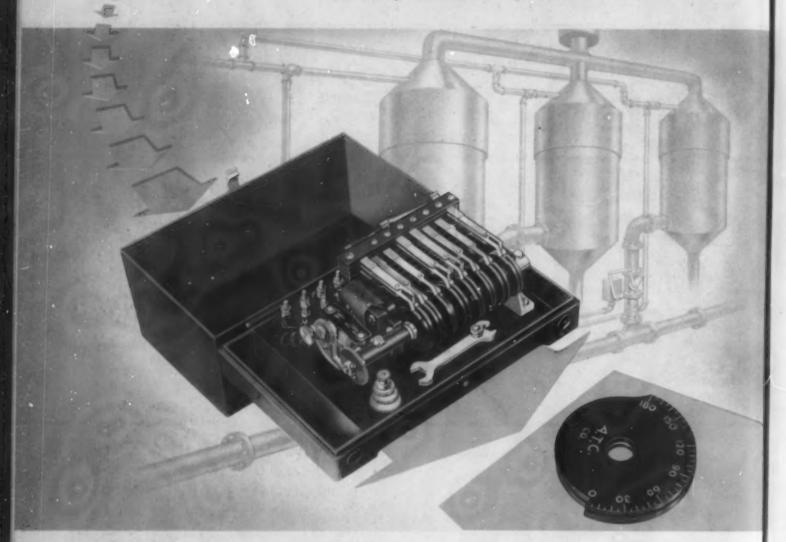


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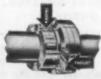
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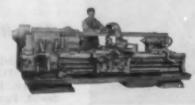
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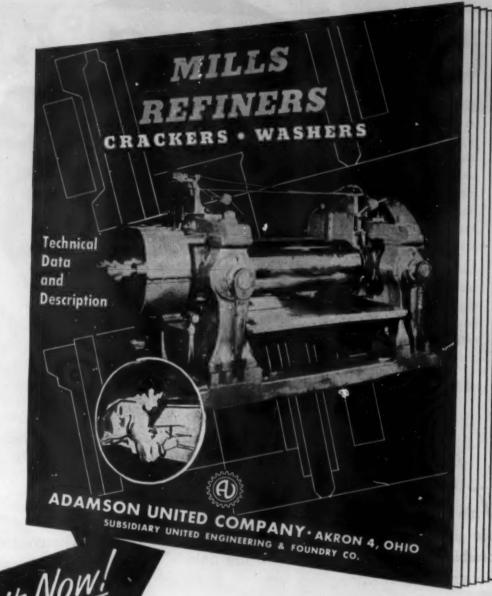


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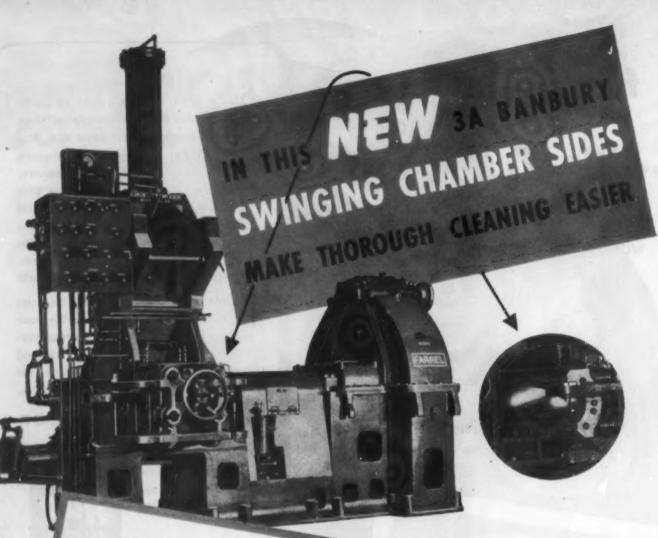
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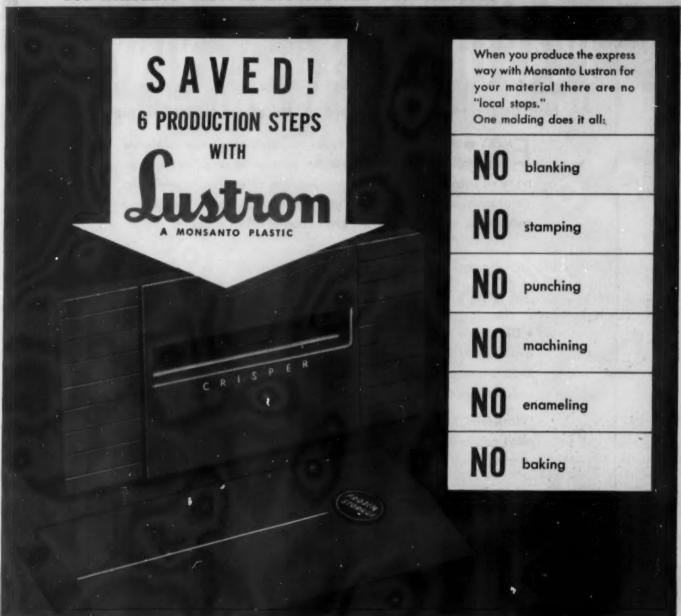
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# Plastic monofilaments are on their way

This is the first of three articles on polyvinylidene chloride.

The article that follows will cover its extrusion and molding

MONG THE most versatile of all the plastics families is the vinylidene group. There are very few jobs applicable to plastics that some member of this family won't attempt to do. Claiming the distinction of being among the most ubiquitous of all is polyvinylidene chloride.

Sire and dam are ethylene and chlorine by those prolific sires of chemical offspring, petroleum and salt. Ethylene is produced from petroleum by pyrolosis. Chlorine, which is extracted by an electrolysis of brine, is combined with ethylene to form trichlorethane, which is then converted into vinylidene chloride and polymerized. The colt born from this union was subjected to an injection of vinyl chloride in his blood stream, nominated for the *Plastics Derby* by Dow

Chemical Co. in 1939 and christened Saran.

He is a stylish and rugged colt abounding in high color and toughness, and more immune from damage than most other members of his family. But with all his good qualities, Saran is a pixielike colt who sometimes requires careful handling to keep him on the track. He is sound enough to be bathed with immunity in such strong chemicals as hydrochloric acid if his owner wishes, but he goes to pieces if the temperature gets a bit too high during his work-outs; he fusses considerably when asked to "stick" close to others and is temperamental as a prima donna when emerging from the starter's gate in the

Monofilament Stakes event, but once he's on the way under proper handling he can, with unbelievable versatility, win the long drudging races that require hard, consistent, constant pounding such as the Spinning Bucket Handicap or he can contend for leadership in the stylish, snappy, colorful Seat Cover Special sprint.

Quite a colt right now and he is growing fast. He is destined for great accomplishment.

### Uses present and future

Polyvinylidene chloride is now coming to market in sizeable quantities after being held back for several years because of lack of production capacity and a wartime emergency that channeled most of the avail-

able material into insect screening for tropical service. Production has doubled six times since 1941 and is now adequate to meet present demand with further expansion underway.

It can be used for extrusion, injection or compression molding, monofilaments, multifilaments film or latex. There are said to be several thousand different end products already derived from this material. This story cannot begin to cover all the different types-sufficient to say that there are enough to drive a reporter frantic in attempting to run down all the leads suggested when studying the subject.

From fine fibers to heavy-duty extruded pipe

Saran is used to describe those vinylidene chloride containing polymers and copolymers manufactured by the Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich. These copolymers are supplied to other companies who process and merchandise it under various trade names but, for the sake of clarity and briefness, this article will use the word Saran to describe a basic material even though it is generally recognized as a trademark name applied to one company's product. Companies processing or using Saran and who merchandise it under other names are: National Plastic Products Co., Odenton Md., "Saran by National"; Chicopee Mfg. Corp., 47 Worth St., New York City, "Lumite"; Firestone Industrial Products Co., Akron 17, Ohio, "Velon"; Visking Corp., 6733 W. 65th St., Chicago, Ill., "Viskord"; Concordia-Gallia Corp., 1400 Broadway, New York City, "Cogon"; Elmer E. Mills Corp., 153 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill., "Mills Plastic."



1-One of the most outstanding characteristics of polyvinylidene chloride is brilliant color. Original strong colors are now being supplemented by softer or pastel shades

and tubing, small molded vials and ladles to electroplating masks, colorful monofilaments for slip seat covers to moisture-proof wrapping films, Saran is serving in such diversified industries as footwear; petroleum, chemical and pharmaceutical; textile and packaging.

As a war weapon its uses ranged from insect screen to aircraft tubing to a braid for electric wire covering to rope for torpedo nets. In industry it serves in such heavy duty applications as for spinning buckets, tank lining, pipe and filter cloth. In the household it is to be found in furniture, millinery, shoes, food packaging. A full list of products would fill several pages.

There are many other uses, now in the experimental stage, that hold promise of wide and sound popularity. A lady's gown made of Saran fabric plus rayon and acetate has been exhibited at the Plastics Expositions but up until now little if any of this type product has come to market. It is believed that at the present stage

of development the filament is still too stiff for satisfactory use as a dress material or for draperies of the type used in homes, although it has been suggested as satisfactory for draperies in institutional or commercial applications. Multifilaments which are really monofilaments twisted into a single cable or cord have been much talked about but these are still in the development stage. Anything the public has seen in fabrics woven of polyvinylidene chloride multifilaments are simply an advance showing of what is hoped will some day become a commercial application.

The day may not be far away when a much smaller monofilament is successfully extruded and woven. At present the smallest size for commercial application is about 4 or 5 mils (0.004 to 0.005 in.) but a much smaller size from which even such sheer material as stockings may be woven is often talked about in the trade. This possible development should in no sense

be considered in the same category as multifilaments of this material which have already been mentioned.

### **Outstanding qualities**

The strong points for Saran are, particularly, chemical and water resistance, great strength and brilliant color. It is practically unaffected by chemicals and acids, soap, salt solutions, solvents except some less common oxygen bearing compounds and most alkalies, with the exception of concentrated ammonium hydroxide.

There is some difference of opinion about the effect of sulphuric acid, nitric acid and chlorine. Some authorities insist that effect of these chemicals on polyvinylidene chloride is nil for all practical purposes but there are users who claim that some discoloration and a slight change in mechanical properties will occur from heavy concentration of these acids over long periods of contact and that a more than 10 percent concentration of chlorine will react to some extent on polyvinylidene chloride. Resistance to chemicals or solvents decreases with a rise in temperature to an upper limit around 170° F. But, by and large, there are few if any readily available materials that can match Saran for general all-around chemical resistance. This characteristic alone makes it a valuable material for use in chemical, petroleum, paper and textile plants.

Saran has an extremely low water absorption and vapor transmission rate. In the materials molded and extruded from Saran (including monofilament), the rate is less than 0.1 percent after 24 hr. at room temperature. And there is no accompanying shrinkage or elongation. Nor is the tenacity or extensibility of the material affected by moisture. Unaffected by salt water, Saran is particularly adaptable for marine uses.

In addition to its chemical resistance Saran is unaffected by mildew, rot or mold. It is practically stainproof and persistently refuses to be associated with such contaminating agents as gum, lipstick, blood, ink, fruit juices and the like. The material can usually be cleaned with soap and water but even stronger cleaning compounds are not harmful.

The strength and toughness of differently processed vinylidene chloride plastics vary considerably. Molded, the tensile strength is from 4000 to 8000 p.s.i. But when the material is extruded and oriented, experimental filaments of approximately 1 mil diameter have shown tensile strengths up to 100,000 p.s.i. while the usual filaments of from 8 to 20 mils develop strengths of from 30,000 to 50,000 p.s.i. Extruded tubing when properly processed is frequently used for compressed air lines because it stands up firmly against vibration.

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### Problems of polyvinylidene chloride

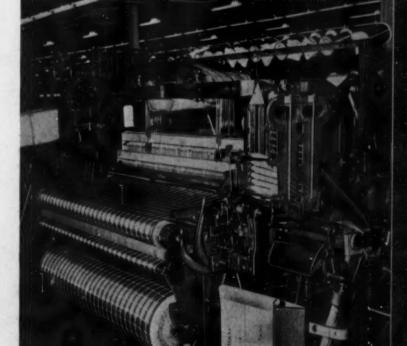
Like most other plastics, polyvinylidene chloride has disadvantages that prevent it from becoming an all-purpose material. One is economic. The colored resin or powder at around 40 cents a lb. is in the range of moderately priced plastics. It is generally more difficult to process than other materials. The difference between its decomposition temperature and processing temperature is critical; however, under proper conditions it is adequate. Considerable care and special equipment are often needed for controlling the heat applications. Because the iron which is present in the metals normally employed in the construction of heating cylinders catalyzes or speeds the heat decomposition of the polymer at temperatures above approximately 200° F., it is essential that all those portions of the heating cylinder with which the material comes in contact at molding temperatures be of non-ferrous metals. The only metals or alloys recommended for this use are Hastelloy "A," Hastelloy "B," Stellite 19, nickel, z-nickel and magnesium.

Another problem is difficulty involved in obtaining adhesion to other materials. Many companies are working on this difficulty and some claim to have overcome it, but Dow Chemical Co. officials maintain that they are still looking for better adhesives. One particular user asserts that the most successful adhesives he has found are those containing rubber, but he is not completely satisfied with the results.

### Color-both pride and problem

Both pride and problem also exist in one of the Saran monofilament industry's brightest characteristics—color. Faced with the charge of fading even though it will withstand sunlight and weathering better than most textiles, the industry has been forced to battle

2—This worsted-type loom is weaving plaid pattern with a 60-40 construction. Finished polyvinylidene chloride fabric on the bottom roll of this machine is 54 in. wide. The tension roll is in the middle; take-up roll on top. The cloth begins just at left of upper clutch handle which appears almost at the center of this illustration



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furiously to overcome this artificial prejudice. Probably because of Saran's adaptability for outdoor use, the demand for color that would not lose its luster led to complaints of fading that merchandisers would not think of raising against other fabric upholstery. They ask for a Saran color that will stand 200 hr. of a Fadeometer test for furniture and 100 hr. for automotive, yet they can expect only from 40 to 80 hr. in textiles.

A fairly new test method devised by color chemists



3—Polyvinylidene chloride screen, which got its start during the war, meets all requirements usually desired by consumers of insect screening. These desirable characteristics are: durability, no rusting or corrosion, no need for painting, non-staining and a good appearance

who were not satisfied with Fade-ometer tests—a system called Standard L ratings—was worked out whereby meterial to be tested is placed alongside a standard dye of the same color and with which it is compared after the weathering. In this test the ratings are from 0 (poor) to 8 (the best). Most of the Saran colors used rate between 6 and 8.

The National Plastic Products Co. uses a system of color stability ratings for Saran determined in accord-

ance with the procedure set up by American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. This system allows company to furnish color ratings on individual colors.

Two methods are used to determine proper color rating—standard sun test and artificial light test. For the sun test, a sun exposure cabinet is used with specimens inclined due south at a 45° angle from the horizontal. Exposures are made between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on sunny days at an outdoor Florida station. The hours of exposure for determining fastness to light by comparison with the standard dyeings are:

Standard L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8 Hours 3 6 12 24 48 96 192 384

For the artificial light test, the FDA Fade-ometer, carbon arc fading lamp is used. Specimens rotate about a carbon arc inclosed in Pyrex glass to insure uniformity of exposure at a distance of 10 inches. The hours of exposure for determining fastness to light by comparison with the standard dyeings are:

Standard L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8 Hours 5 10 20 40 80 160 320

The first answer to color complaints was to furnish bright, intense colors because more pigment could then be incorporated in the polymer. That plan boomeranged when the cry came back that the colors were too loud. For the past two years all parties interested have been striving to produce softer or pastel colors and late samples indicate success. But whenever the color is lightened the problem of fading becomes more intense, for there is then less color in the material, in fact less than ½100 percent. The same problem is inherent in color fading in any plastic or textile.

Other color difficulties have been the shortage of organic pigments, (only kind usable with polyvinylidene chloride) and the fact that different Saran formulations react differently to the same pigment. A pigment that may be fast in a formulation for tape is not necessarily fast in a monofilament due to extrusion difficulties. Developers have found that color fastness can be improved by varying the formulation according to its intended end use. The Dow Chemical Co. recommends that customers consult with them concerning the type of material they want on the theory that color considerations may be involved in making up the raw material. The company points out that a clear color or transparent monofilament has the greatest resistance to light in comparison to opaques which contain white and colored pigment. However, a new maroon opaque has withstood a better than 60 hr. Fade-ometer test or L7 rating. Weavers are getting good effects by mixing clear and opaque filaments in the pattern design, thus presenting a more varied color scheme.

The number of standard colors furnished by the various companies has grown to great proportions from the original 20 that were first offered by the Dow Chemical Co., and from these standards almost any

desired shade can now be obtained. Chicopee Mfg. Corp. reports that on a recent order it duplicated 10 different shades for an exacting customer by using blends of its forty-odd standard colors from monofilaments extruded by National Plastic Products Co.

### Screening bids for consumer favor

Best-known Saran adaptation for military use during the late war was insect screening in the tropics. The idea of using Saran filament in insect screening originated with Dow technical staff and shortly thereafter George Knox, former civilian chief of U. S. Navy's Bureau of Yards & Docks Section, got together with Jack Holman of the Chicopee Mfg. Corp., producers of surgical gauze and tobacco cloth. With this meeting the idea for providing a non-corrosive screen cloth to use in the tropics took root.

George Knox was seeking screen cloth to supplement metal, which was not only scarce but frequently rotted out in a few weeks due to the humidity in the Pacific combat areas. Jack Holman was seeking new products for his company and from experience with the new Saran knew that it could be woven for screen on the company's machines. He produced a tent that stood for months of observation between two wings of the Navy Department Building in Washington and was jestingly known as the Waves' dressing room. The results of the tent experiment are well known. Some 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 sq. ft. of Saran screen cloth was shipped to the Pacific area by the Navy.

Part of the demand for Saran screen since the war is due to the experience of sailors and marines who witnessed its performance in tropical humidity. Further demand was created by a lack of metal screens. The size of the market for metal screen cloth before the war averaged about 500,000,000 sq. ft. a year. Of this amount 400,000,000 was galvanized—the balance mostly copper or bronze.

At least 120,000,000 sq. ft. of Saran screen has been sold in the year ending June 1, 1947, according to a principal producer. Since about 5½ lb. of resin are required to produce monofilaments for 100 sq. ft. of screen, it can be seen that the consumption figure was in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 pounds.

Demand has fallen off in the last month. There are several reasons for this.

First: Demand for almost everything has fallen off and economists vary on the reason.

Second: The season for putting on window screens is over.

Third: Metal is more available.

Fourth: There is evidence of a consumer prejudice which has been fed by popular fallacies about plastics, many of which are due to faulty processing that can be corrected and others due to a feeling that plastics is a miracle material which should be indestructible even though hit by an atomic bomb.

Weavers have no intention of being put in the dog house by these developments. They feel that they have the most superior material ever brought out for screen cloth. One of them spent well over \$125,000 for consumer advertising of his product last Spring. Another may have spent more. They are out to combat prejudice and prove authenticity of their claims. A survey made by this magazine of a number of jobbers of vinylidene chloride plastic screen cloth showed a majority of distributors sold on it but some of their customers prejudiced negatively so it would require several years to overcome their hesitancy.

First prejudice listed was that same old silly complaint about cigarettes burning holes in Saran screen. Now who in the world believes that civilized citizens are going around to their friends' homes burning holes in their screens? Wouldn't it be just as logical to use a pair of scissors, a knife or even a mechanical pencil to punch holes in a metal screen? If one is visited by a group of morons bent on melting holes in the screen it is a simple matter to replace the damaged screen and, once the replacement is made, it should last indefinitely unless those same friends return. Other types of screens frequently require replacement every few years. The point is, would a customer prefer a screen damaged by weather to one damaged by occasional mischievousness or accident?

Second prejudice was flimsiness. All weavers now use a 15 mil monofilament with 18 fibers lengthwise and 14 crosswise per inch. There was a time when 12 mil monofilament was used for some screen cloth but that size has been abandoned for the heavier filament which produces a sturdy material that has withstood the constant pounding of a 5-lb. ball dropped a distance of 1 ft. more than 70,000 times without any indication of sag.

Third prejudice lies in the claims of householders that plastics screen is too difficult to fasten to the frame without sagging. Producers of this screening claim it is a simple matter to attach it to the frame. It can be bought in various widths, from 24 to 48 in., with a selvage on each edge. Installation involves no more work than placing the proper width screen in the frame and tacking it along the selvage. The top and bottom are doubled back ½ in., drawn taut and tacked down. The screen will stay just as taut as drawn and the plastic is no more, if as difficult, to draw tight than metal. Only a pair of ordinary scissors is needed to cut the material—quite different from metal screen where tin shears are needed.

Fourth prejudice is said to be cost but plastic screen is now offered at a lower price than bronze and only slightly higher than galvanized metal.

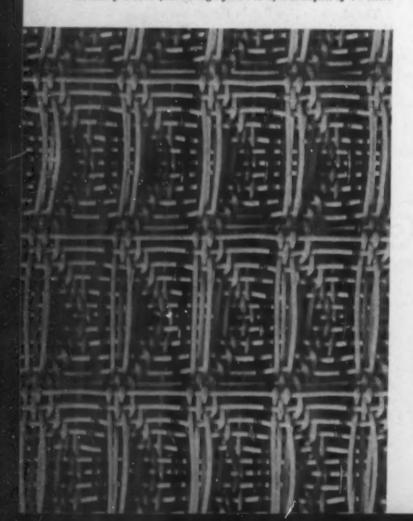
A recent panel study by one of the housing magazines showed that from the consumer and user standpoints the prime characteristics of an insect screen were durability and performance; no rust or corrosion; no need for painting; appearance; no staining of house. Of all the commercially available and popularly priced insect screen cloth, only the polyvinylidene chloride screen cloth meets all these requirements.

Perhaps the most brutally frank statement concerning screen cloth was recently issued by the Materials Branch of U. S. Army's Engineer Board which after a thorough test of all possible materials for screening reported: "Of the screens tested, Saran and phenolic-coated glass cloth screening were the most durable. . . . If metal screening must be used, bronze screening, coated with two coats of paint, is recommended." Only the Saran type is commercially available of the two mentioned above and this the Army found more durable than metal for weathering, salt water, salt spray, heat, humidity and fungus. Oriented material from which screen or fabric is woven will withstand temperature well below 0° F. although unoriented Saran, such as is used in tubing or molding, tends to become brittle between 0 and 20° F.

#### Screen for inner shoe soles

Inner soles made of Saran filament were used by the Army to help prevent trench foot in the tropics and keep feet warmer in the Arctic regions. They consist of from three to five layers welded around the edge by heat and pressure or heat and pounding. The soles are made from 16-mesh material with 15-mil filaments though, in some cases, a finer mesh is used on the top and bottom to obtain a softer finish. Children's shoes with a similar sole were exhibited at the Society of Plastics Industry Show in Chicago last May. The inner soles are most practical for children's or men's

4—An appearance of depth is achieved in this honeycomb grille woven of polyvinylidene chloride monofilaments. Actually weave (here magnified ? to 1) has depth of 3/11 inch



heavy duty shoes, but generally speaking this outlet has not been widely exploited.

### Woven fabric of polyvinylidene chloride

Although already in wide circulation as automotive seat slip covers, polyvinylidene chloride is still in its infancy. Many yards are in use and giving satisfactory service but developers expect a much greater market to develop when consumers become fully aware of its quality and the upholstery and furniture trade become more experienced in applying it.

This material is furnished for upholstery in several different forms—woven monofilaments of various weights and widths, tape or webbing of either woven monofilament, or solid film used for plaited type upholstery and rattan.

### Woven monofilaments

The extruded monofilament that is used for polyvinylidene chloride fabric is generally 12, 10 or 8 mil diameter. Various types of looms are used in weaving. Hafner Associates, Inc., use the same machines employed in weaving upholstery, drapery and dress goods fabrics with reinforced creel pins, gears and frames, and an auxiliary heating process to render the yarn more pliable. Heating systems used by weavers are generally infrared or resistance type. The Lumite Division of Chicopee Mfg. Corp. uses both worsted and cotton type looms with simple alterations and with no heat. Any textile mill can, with only minor changes, switch from cotton, woolens or rayon to this synthetic textile. Herringbone, twill, broken twill, honeycomb weaves are most generally employed.

All such woven fabric is calendered, but by many different methods and depending upon the intended use of the end product. When a softer finish is desired, a finer filament with an open weave is designed so that the calendering process squeezes the material into a more compact mass with perhaps a better drape. Some weavers insist, however, that a stronger more durable fabric is constructed with a heavier, closer-woven filament that must be employed n such heavy-duty work as that generally associated with upholstery.

Calendering processes vary in amount of pressure used and the method for applying heat, which may be either steam or electric. The cylinders or drums of the calendering press may be iron or pressed husk—sometimes both—so that pressure may be iron to iron, iron to husk or husk to husk. Felt-covered rollers have also been tried experimentally.

Auto covers—Greatest merchandising effort to date for woven Saran fabric has been on auto slip seat covers. When polyvinylidene chloride is more plentiful and users have become acquainted with its natural adaptability for this market the industry believes there will be a consumer demand that station wagons, convertibles and other special types of cars have woven plastic as the original upholstery.

As a woven fabric Saran has some advantages over

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Glamor, utility in plastic fabrics," MODERN PLASTICS 24, 106 (Feb. 1946).

solid-type upholstery because the interstices permit breathing, making auto seat covers cooler in summer, warmer in winter. Properly woven material facilitates movement of driver and passengers in and out of the seat. A twill weave, for example, facilitates the slide-in and resists sliding forward.

A great fuss was raised some months ago with complaints that Saran upholstery would break off the hair bristles on a lady's fur coat when she moved about on an automobile seat. It is hoped that the fallacy has by now been knocked into a cocked hat. Ladies have been sitting for years on paper fiber woven auto seat covers that will wear the fur off a lady's coat if the fur became entangled in the interstices. Fortunately few women have the heeby-jeebies so severely that they must be constantly moving back and forth across an auto seat, and the normal wear on the seat or back of an auto driver's clothes is no greater from Saran than from any other material. Furthermore, experience in weaving has resulted in the evolution of a more closely knit, less abrasive surface which should eliminate even the thought of losing a hair from milady's coat.

An auto reupholsterer, referred to by dealers as one for whose work they had the highest regard, pointed to the polyvinylidene chloride material as his favorite of all the various upholstery types available. He has used it as a covering over seats to refurbish used cars and mentioned as desirable qualities, aside from color, elasticity and long life, the material's ease of handling. He can sew it on the same heavy-duty machine he uses for other materials with the same needle and same thread. Producers, however, recommend that nylon thread be used to avoid any possibility of abrasion and that Saran-type gimp or welting be used where the seams are fastened together. Cloth welting has a tendency to wear off and become frayed to give the cover an untidy appearance long before the woven fabric shows signs of wear.

Another property the upholsterer liked was noncupping quality of woven polyvylidene chloride. Some materials are slow to come back and, in time, a permanent depression appears in the seat where a driver sits. This undesirable quality should not appear in properly woven Saran-type materials. It has an elongation of 30 percent at the ultimate, but 95 percent is recoverable.

The ability to compete with other upholstery materials for initial cost is a handicap not yet overcome although producers feel that they have a much longer-lived material than textiles or paper fiber. Paper fiber has dominated the automotive slip cover field for years and has sold at as low a price as 50 cents a square yard. Saran processors do not expect to take over the entire market but they expect to make a big dent in it. At present paper fiber is high priced—has even been as high as vinyl chloride sheeting—but the day is coming when it will be back to normal and when that day does come, competing with it will prove to be quite difficult.



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5—Upholstery woven of polyvinylidene chloride monofilaments are specially successful in applications that call for heavy wear—as seat covering on commuter trains

At present this monofilament upholstery is running a little less than two to one above vinyl chloride coated material in cost and although the materials are not always in direct competition due to the type of car being covered, the situation demands that the woven type plastic must be devoted to applications where it is more desirable than leather-like upholstery. If a larger market is sought, price may have to come down. About 7 yd. of 36-in. wide material is needed to cover the seats of a car. Woven fabric requires about 1 lb. of filament per square yard of goods with an additional <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lb. of waste yarn such as short ends and clippings. Weavers declare that they have found no way to use this waste. Extruders of the monofilament can use their waste in formulations for other types of extrusion but successful extruders already have their price down to rock bottom considering the difficulties and niceties of their operation. Testimony to this effect can be ascertained by querying processors who have looked into and actually experimented in the intricacies of monofilament extrusion but have given it up because they could not compete pricewise with those already in the field. Weavers also contend that the cost of raw material for woven Saran is a considerably higher percentage of the total cost than in cotton textiles where the raw material cost is about 331/2 percent.

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COLOR PLATE CHIRTERY MATIONAL PLASTICS PRODUCTS CO. AND COLUMBIAN BORE CO.

6—Polyrinylidene chloride rope is outstanding for strength, resistance to salt water—properties making it popular during war for torpedo nets. Though peacetime uses are not set, rope should prove popular where exposed to chemicals

From this it can be seen that the problem of reducing cost is a complex proposition even though the producers tacitly admit that larger-scale production of resin should some day result in lower prices of the raw material. Yet we have seen how plastic screen from this material is already in successful competition on a cost basis with metal and it may be that the woven filament's particular adaptabilities for upholstery will eliminate any necessity for competition with lower-cost goods.

Other upholstery uses—It should be remembered that there has been little chance to exploit Saran in the upholstery field due to a shortage of resin-making facilities. Auto slip seat covers were deliberately chosen as a promising field in which to start, but there has been enough development in furniture lines to indicate wide interest not only for interior and porch furniture, but for railroad and bus seating, office furniture, seats for auditoriums and theatres and for hospitals where its chemical resistance and refusal to support combustion should give it top consideration.

Radio and recording uses—As a grille for radio and recording cabinets woven monofilament has taken hold in a big way. A unique honeycomb or semi-honeycomb weave has been devised for this purpose to give the appearance of depth even though it is only <sup>8</sup>/<sub>16</sub> in. thick. In one example each "cell" of the comb is 12 threads by 12 threads. There are 61 filaments the long way and 32 the short way (warp and woof) per inch. The advantage of this grille, the design of which is peculiarly fitted to the texture of polyvinylidene chloride monofilaments, is it permits better transmission of ultra-high and ultra-low volume on high fidelity units. There is less interference with the sound waves as they come through the honeycomb

grille, yet the inside of the speaker is completely hidden from view. This material is expected, eventually, to replace most grilles commonly made from tapestry or flock-covered metal. It requires no surface sizing which is said to interfere with character of tone.

Further advantages are color to match the cabinet, rigidity and long life. The same material may also be used decoratively as inserts over the false speaker, a piece which is frequently found on console sets.

Luggage and shoes—Woven Saran has also been tried as a luggage covering and uppers for women's shoes, but in both cases the adhesive problem has given trouble. Saran will stick to the flat part of a luggage case with ordinary rubber adhesives but for some reason pulls away from the rounded parts. Best results so far reported are from cut-back adhesive, a mixture of reclaimed rubber dissolved in toluene.

For high-style women's dress shoes it has many admirable qualities such as color, style and elasticity with the additional highly regarded feature of breathing so air may penetrate and promote foot comfort. But, so far no satisfactory adhesive

has been found to fasten the material to the sole unless cotton fabric is woven into the ends of material which is then tucked in between the layers of sole leather so that the cotton may absorb the adhesive and help to form a bond. One large shoe manufacturer is reported to have a trick construction that will eliminate the adhesive problem but asserts he will not bring his shoes to market for a year or two or until the hub-bub over plastics misapplications in the shoe field has passed away.

Industrial uses—Another use for woven Saran in the less glamorous but heavy-duty commercial field is filter cloth, where it has proven its usefulness because of chemical resistance. For these applications an 8-mil filament is generally used with a fine weave such as 120 warp and 50 woof to the inch. A 90 and 50 combination is also common but almost any needed variation is possible. For comparative purposes, finer cotton textiles are generally woven with a warp and woof of 200-150. A similar application to filter cloth is woven screen cloth fabricated into a dipper for use in recovering items from strong acids with the open mesh permitting the liquid to drain back into the tank. Conveyor belts of woven filament are another heavy-duty item particularly applicable to Saran when chemical resistance and strength are needed.

#### Tape or braid

In addition to woven fabrics and textiles of piece-goods size there are other types of Saran adaptable to furniture. Best known is tape or braid, either solid or woven from monofilaments. It is used for seats and backs on chairs in plaited form—that is, woven over and under in single strands of from  $1^1/2$  to 6 in. wide. The woven type braid or webbing is also used as support under cushions in chairs, sofas.

Test data-Concordia-Gallia Corp., for one, is specializing in these narrow woven strips. In addition to flat tape they produce tubular tapes and variegated beadings to use as welting for upholstery, belts, handbags and trimmings. Their test data on a 2-in. web that is 31/2 in, long indicate a breaking strength of 593 lb, with elongation at break of 20 percent. Elongation at 150 lb. stress is 0.08 in. per in. since the piece increased in length from 31/2 to 33/4 inches. At 300 lb. the piece increased from 31/2 to 37/8 in. in length but on release returned immediately to 3º/16 in. and came back quickly thereafter to the original 31/2 inches. A piece of similar size under a 300-lb. stress for 3 hr. elongated to 4 in., returning immediately on release to 311/16 in. and in 10 min. to 39/16 inches. From these tests it is easy to understand why users of woven webbing have little fear of complaints about "permanent set." Users of solid tape make comparatively the same claims.

Adhesion-Adhesion, specially with metal frames, presents a problem with tape upholstery though Concordia-Gallia Corp.'s technical staff asserts that electronic heat sealing may be accomplished using a film to prevent an air gap which might cause an arc flash. Bar sealing with a shaped die is claimed to be effective, but it is not always convenient to apply electronic heating to upholstery fastenings. Several companies claim they are producing satisfactory adhesives for this use that can be used for either dipping or spreading, but complaints from users continue to come in. When wood frames are used the strip ends may be nailed underneath the edges of the frame. An improvement of this method in the form of a clip-type fastener which permits quick fastening and change of fabric if desired in order to alter color schemes of the webbing has been devised by United-Carr Fastener Corp., who also have a different device for attachment of the webbing to metal frames.

### Rattan

Still another upholstery material made from Saran is extruded rattan in varying widths of from 1/16 to 1/4 in. with a thickness ranging from 17 to 24 mils. It is generally backed with fabric and most common application is on hard cushions used in transportation where it has the advantage of being easily cleaned. The subways of New York City have been using it on experimental cars for five years and their satisfaction seems implied in their efforts to get more. Rumors circulate that an automotive company is interested in it for certain types of seat covers.

#### Chemical and salt resistant rope

Because of its strength and resistance to salt water Saran rope came into repute during the war as an ideal material from which to fabricate torpedo nets. Monofilaments of from 0.030 to 0.050 are used in its construction. One manufacturer reports that it will make a satisfactory, strong, abrasive-resistant rope with desirable chemical resistance, but that the potential market is not yet apparent. He didn't say so, but it is apparent that the matter of relative cost and high quality must again be sold to the customer. Because the fibers are slippery the physical problem of making a splice hold is a deterrent, but extra tucks and the seizing of strand ends to each other to prevent slipping will generally take care of the trouble.

Plymouth Cordage Co.'s Saran rope is made with three strands, but the number and size of yarns differ from those in corresponding sizes of Manila rope. One pound of 3/16-in. Saran rope will make 68 ft.; 11/2 lb. will make 11/2 ft. of 11/4-in. rope. Minimum breaking strength varies from 260 lb. for 3/16-in. rope to 12,000 lb. for 11/4-in. rope.

When compared with Manila rope, the weight of Saran rope in corresponding sizes is from 35 to 60 percent greater. The minimum breaking strength of Saran is approximately 70 percent of the strength of Manila rope. According to Plymouth Cordage Co.'s literature it has a tendency to lose strength gradually at high temperatures, but can be recommended for use in temperatures up to about 170° F. and has been used satisfactorily in higher temperatures where full strength was not required. Exposure to weather, winter or summer, does not reduce its strength nor does alternate drying and wetting change its properties—wet strength is the same as dry strength and it does not rot. Under repeated loading this rope has a working stretch from three to four times greater than Manila rope. This characteristic makes it considerably more resistant to shock loading.

7-Polyvinylidene chloride in solid or woven form is appearing as tape or braid for use as seats and backs





Plastics have been used in this new accordian both for what they can contribute to its appearance and to its better and longer performance

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- Nitrate base box

- 2. Nitrate grille
  3. Acetate back
  4. Laminated bridge cap, separator
  5. Modified styrene action bridge
  6. Laminated reed block slide
  7. Modified styrene key bed end
  8. Modified styrene shift button

- 10. Polyvinyl valve lift silencer
  11. Medified styrene, acrylic insert
  12. Acrylic strap adjustment wheel
  13. Acetate bass button
- 14. Acrylic keys, styrene sharps
  15. Modified styrene key slip
  16. Acetate feet for bass shell

- 17. Modified styrene grille trim
  18. Phenolic bridge caps



Acrylic treble keys, reinforced with cemented-in molded plastic inserts, are screwed onto aluminum bodies

Preheated nitrate sheet, 0.105 in. thick, is formed into bass box shell. Wood ring holds material at edges





## new accordions

These plastics are vinyl, butyrate, acetate, nitrate resins, laminates, acrylic, phenolic, two polystyrenes

SELDOM has the versatility of plastics been more strikingly illustrated than in the new Wurlitzer Model 1030 accordion. In this handsome instrument, volume production of which is now shaping up in Wurlitzer's streamlined postwar accordion factory at De Kalb, Ill., plastics and light metals have replaced wood for many conventional usages. Final selection of materials was made in each instance to meet the specific service requirements.

The way in which the plastics industry can be used to give almost any desired property in a finished part is exemplified by the array of different plastic materials to be found in this new instrument. They are Plexene M, a new modified polystyrene molding powder; drawn Pyralin and Lumarith sheeting; injection molded Lucite, Plexiglas; injection molded Tenite I and II; polyvinyl tubing; flock-filled phenolic; Delecto linen-phenolic laminate and injection molded standard polystyrene.

Much of the pleasing exterior design of the instrument can be credited to the use of formed Pyralin for the bass box section and grille unit, formed Lumarith sheet for the back cover and Plexene M for the two key bed ends. The Plexene M and Plexiglas keys, Lucite three-dimensional name plate and white Tenite II bass buttons also share the credit for the beauty of the accordion. But beneath this gleaming plastic exterior are to be found more plastic applications with a purely functional role.

Taking the working parts of this new instrument (including chassis and interior pieces) one by one, there is, first of all, the molded key bed ends. The treble chassis, which supports the pieno-like keyboard and is housed within the cloth-backed grille section, is of deep drawn magnesium. After aluminum arms have been riveted to this chassis, the modified polystyrene key bed ends, produced by Anfinsen Plastics Molding Co., of

A multiple drill press is used to drill button holes in bass boxes. A total of 120 such openings are needed

Aurora, Ill., are screwed to metal supporting brackets. Four <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in. holes are drilled in these plastic parts to permit anchorage of the metal strap hook directly to the supporting metal structure.

The key bed ends are joined by another part of modified polystyrene, a straight black extruded piece, which forms the front of the keyboard section. This part, extruded by Sandee Mfg. Co., 5050 Foster Ave., Chicago, Ill., is cut to proper length by Wurlitzer.

The white (natural) key faces, supplied by Shaw Insulator Co., Irvington, N. J., are injection molded of Plexiglas because the application called for close color control, stiffness, age and color stability, dimensional stability and freedom from subsequent distortion. Black Plexene M is employed for the sharps and the sharp inserts to obtain these same properties at lower cost. These parts were also molded by Shaw Insulator Co. The key faces are screwed onto the aluminum key bodies at two points. All have cemented plastic inserts, the two-piece construction being employed to avoid "sinks" from this heavy mounting section.

Four molds are used on these accordion keys, including two 12-cavity combination molds for the natural (white) keys, one 36-cavity combination molds for white inserts and another 36-cavity mold for the sharp (black) inserts. Cementing of inserts into the key faces is handled by Wurlitzer. Fourteen separate molded items are used in the keyboard assembly.

Both the bass and the treble chassis house a number of vital plastic components. In the honeycomb-like reed block assembly on the bass side (a complex structure formed of glued wooden parts) are two reed block slides. On the treble side there are four slides. All control the flow of air into the reeds. These slides, consisting of strips of 0.035-in. linen Dilecto phenolic laminate,

The grille is also formed from nitrate sheet, this time 0.090 in. thick. Mold was specially designed for job





are punched with rectangular openings which permit passage of air from the bellows. The slides for the bass are <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. thick; those for the treble are <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. thick. The advantages of the plastic laminate slides as opposed to the customary sheet metal slides are: sufficient rigidity to resist distortion during repairs or adjustments, an exceptionally smooth surface which permits them to slide easily, moisture resistance and good wearing qualities. The phenolic laminate for this application is supplied by Taylor Fibre Co.

Another interesting functional use of plastics in the Model 1030 accordion is found in the harmony and fundamental action racks. There, Plexene M action bridges—two in the fundamental section and three in the harmony section—serve as guides for the dozens of metal action rods. The cut-to-length sections of rectangular extrusion comprising these pieces are supplied by Sandee Mfg. Co. in natural light amber color of the material. Wurlitzer mills each of the bridges with a series of slots of varying widths and depths, so that they line up accurately with the metal rods which pass through them. The milling machine on which they are fabricated cuts six of a kind at one time, and may be fitted with cutters of different size to produce the complate assortment of bridges.

The action bridges are secured into the assembly with screws which pass through drilled holes. The excellent machining properties of the modified polystyrene were an important consideration in its selection for these parts, since close tolerances must be maintained.

Yet another plastic—flock-filled• phenolic—is employed for the caps which hold the action rods in place. Two of these caps, supplied by the Richardson Co. of Melrose Park, Ill., are used on the harmony and two on the fundamental.

### Molded buttons and levers

Pistons of the bass action are capped by 120 white Tenite II buttons, injection molded by Anfinsen Plastics Molding Co. A similar button is used on the air release valve. All the cored bass buttons are driven onto the tapered ends of the aluminum rods with an air cylinder, insuring a tight press fit. Short lengths of polyvinyl tubing supplied by William Brand & Co. of Chicago, Ill., are used as silencers. The resilience and durability of the vinyl suit it for this use.

The two self-indicating, organ-type treble shift controls or buttons are fabricated by Wurlitzer from a special section extruded in ivory Plexene M by Sandee Mfg. Co. Following the necessary drilling operations, assembly pins are driven directly into the plastic buttons to provide means for attachment to the instrument. The chrome plated, bar-type "push-in" bass shift is equipped with a transparent polystyrene shift-indicator window through which a signal indicating the shift setting may be seen. Part is milled to size and shape from rod by Mid-West Screw Co. of Rockford, Ill.

The two main parts of the accordion shell are of black Pyralin sheet material, purchased in 20 by 50- in. sheets, cut to proper shape and formed in special dies. Material 0.105in. thick is used in the bass assembly, while that in the grille unit is of 0.090 gage. The precut sheets of material for both parts are preheated around 145° F., then quickly placed in molds before cooling can occur.

For drawing the bass shell, a male and female die assembly is employed with the wooden male plug mounted below a 10-in. air cylinder. The female die, made of Kirksite, has molded-in coils for the circulation of steam or water. After insertion of the preheated sheet of cellulose nitrate, the press is closed, drawing the material into the required contour. The complete heating and cooling cycle on this piece requires about 8 min., close temperature control being maintained to avoid overheating or cracking the material. Following its removal from the press, edges are trimmed and the bass button holes drilled with a multiple drill press.

### A special die for grille

For the grille section, a specially designed mold actuated by a long hand lever, is used. Made by Wurlitzer, the die consists of hard maple with metal inserts which form the curved ribs of the grille. A book-type die, hinged at one edge, is required for this piece because proper forming of the cellulose nitrate sheet depends upon a rolling rather than a straight closing movement.

Finishing of the grille sections involves placing them in a wooden fixture and guiding them beneath a routing tool to cut out the 25 slots in the grille. Following routing and drilling operations, the grille and bass box units are trimmed to size, buffed, sanded and polished.

There is also another forming operation which incorporates an interesting metal inlaying technique developed by Wurlitzer under the direction of Erwin Osenberg, superintendent of the accordion plant. The part is a finish trim strip bordering the grille on three sides, which is formed from a Plexene M extrusion supplied by Sandee Mfg. Co. While the piece is being given the required "U" shape, a decorative leaf design, stamped from 0.010 chrome plated brass, is fused into surface.

This operation is accomplished by placing the strip in a jig which permits application of the required bending pressure and also concentrates sufficient pressure and heat on the decorative stamping to weld it flush into the face of the extrusion. Heat is supplied by a high frequency unit and cycle requires about 15 minutes.

The grille itself is backed with white grille cloth and fitted with a three-dimensional injection molded Lucite Wurlitzer nameplate. This identifying emblem is produced by Gits Molding Corp., 4600 Huron St., Chicago, Ill., through its Crystal Seal process.

Yet another exterior plastic part is a clear Lucite bass strap adjustment wheel. With a milled edge for easy turning and a molded brass insert serving as a bushing, it is injection molded by Rockford Molded Products, Inc., of Rockford, Ill. Finally, there are the bass shell feet, molded of Tenite.

Final assembly of the shell components takes place after internal operations have been completed. The complete shell includes a back section, currently formed of 0.075 Lumarith sheet.

# 5 advantages of acetate moth suffocator

GAIN and again, with the introduction of each new vacuum cleaner, the suitability of plastics to this household equipment is reaffirmed. Perhaps the most recent application of plastic—in this case, cellulose acetate—to this field is the special attachment for killing moths and larvae which is a feature of the new vacuum cleaner put out by Lewyt Corp., 60 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

There are five reasons why Lumarith was selected for this particular part which is pictured at the right:

- 1. Light weight.
- 2. Transparency which permits the crystals to show.
- Variety of color which makes it possible for the plastic to fit any color scheme.
- 4. Less expensive to make than similar metal piece.
- 5. Shatter resistance.

The molder responsible for this two-piece Lumarith part is Celluplastic Corp., 46 Ave. L, Newark 5, N. J. A 4-cavity combination mold is used and the cellulose acetate is supplied in a blue, specially compounded to meet the specifications of the vacuum manufacturer.

The design of this plastic moth-proofing attachment can best be appreciated from a brief descript on of the way it functions. When the Lewyt vacuum is wanted for demothing the cleaning hose is slipped from the opening in the side of the barrel-like cleaner and replaced by the blue cellulose acetate moth-proofing part filled with moth crystals. The vacuum is placed in the closet, its electric cord plugged into a nearby outlet and the door closed. Inside the plastic attachment rapidly swirling air sets moth crystals into dancing motion, disintegrates them, releasing powerful vapor which kills moths and larvae.

A number of metal fittings are assembled with the two-piece cellulose acetate attachment after molding. For example, wire screenings, of different mesh, are affixed to the body of the "snuffocator" at the end closest to the body of the vacuum and inside the cap of the attachment. Both screens are designed to prevent the escape of the moth crystals as they are agitated by air from the vacuum proper. Another metal part in the body of the attachment holds it firmly to the body of the cleaner yet makes detachment easy—a mere twist of the wrist.

The ribbing on the outside of the two parts of this cellulose acetate attachment serves a useful as well as a decorative purpose. One of the ribs on the body piece is a trifle longer than the other ribs and locks with a small cutout on the lid, preventing the lid from whirling around from the action of the air. In any other material this detail would have proved costly and time consuming. But in plastics the production of this latch was a simple matter.



Two complete 2-part cellulose acetate moth attachments are molded at each shot. Three metal fittings—two to hold in the moth crystals and one to prevent the fitting from becoming detached from vacuum—are added later

Advantages of plastic in vacuum fittings are: shatter resistance, light weight, transparency, color, low cost





To make this king-size glass replica, four-color printed vinyl sheet is rolled into a tube, the edges heat-sealed and the vinyl cylinder blow molded to shape of a glass

VINYL sheet

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PEPSI-COLA has "hit the spot" again—this time with a king-sized glass syrup dispenser-display, fabricated of vinyl sheet material by G. Felsenthal & Sons, 4114 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 5, Ill., and involving some interesting processing techniques.

The plastic unit, which has the appearance of a large Pepsi-Cola glass filled with the sparkling beverage, is used to encase the dispenser tank which is mounted on soda fountain in full view of the public. Because of its striking appearance, this unique sales aid is rapidly finding its way to a prominent position on soda fountains all over the nation.

With its unusual size (8-in. diameter and 16-in. height) the simulated jumbo glass easily dominates the scene, functioning as a sparkling eye-catcher and sales help. Its syrup-true colors, mixed with the sparkling water effect, tickles the "thirst imagination" of the prospective patron with a tempting promise of cool and satisfying refreshment.

### Preparing the vinyl sheet

The 20- by 25-in. sheets from which the giant glass is fabricated are 0.055 PM (polished on one side, matte on the other) clear Vinylite material. They are lithographed in four colors on the matte side. In processing the dispenser cover these sheets are first trimmed to correct size preparatory to rolling, then softened by being heated for 3 min. in an electric oven at a temperature of approximately 250° F.

With the lithographed surface on the inside, the sheets are rolled on a metal cylinder (Fig. 1) and permitted to cool in the rounded shape, after which the edges of the rolled sheet are lap welded together by elec-



1—In forming of these attention-getting display units, lithographed vinyl sheets are heated 3 min. at approximately 250° F. in the oven shown at extreme left. They are then rolled on a preforming cylinder preparatory to being electronically heat sealed along matching edges

tronic heat sealing (Fig. 2), the sealing operation requiring approximately 15 seconds.

#### Sealing and molding glass replica

The electronic equipment employed for this process is a 1 kw. Thermatron unit. The seam on the glass replica measures 16 in. in length, unusually long for heat sealing, and the thickness of the material requires extreme care in the operation of the specially developed fixture on the sealing unit in order to obtain a uniformly sealed edge approximately 0.110 in. thick. The sealing

fixture was specially engineered and built by G. Felsenthal & Sons.

After sealing, the Vinylite sheet cylinder is blow molded into glass shape on specially built autoclavetype equipment, employing a hot steam, compressed air water and chill method (Fig. 3). The entire operation is accomplished in a 6-min. cycle.

In this operation, 15 lb. of steam pressure are exerted by means of a rubber bag on the inside of the vinyl cylinder, forcing the heated plastic against the contours of the steel cavity. After application of steam for 1 min., steam is exhausted by air pressure, which for 2 min. holds the formed piece against the cavity walls that are simultaneously cooled by circulating water. The balance of the cycle covers the time required for inserting and removing the unit from the mold. The bag used for the molding operation is made of a special rubber

composition fabricated in strips on a mandrel, the strips being vulcanized together to form the completed bag.

### Finishing and installation

After removal from the mold, the vinyl glass replica is sprayed with a white backup on the inside surface and the uneven edges at op and bottom are sawed off (Fig. 4). Use of a fixture for this operation insures even edges. Finally, holes are drilled along the top and bottom edges and the anodized aluminum cover and rim pieces are riveted in position on the glass. The dispenser cover is then ready for installation.

G. Felsenthal & Sons designed, developed and built all special tools, molds and fixtures employed in the production of the giant vinyl glass. A period of three to four months was required to engineer and develop the tools and perfect the manufacturing process.

# formed into dispenser-display unit



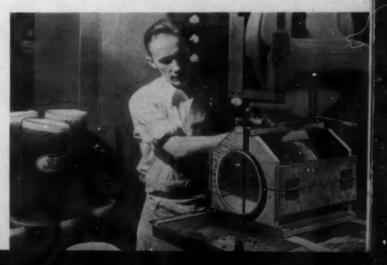


2-The operator at right is sliding a rolled vinyl sheet on to the heating cylinder so that the edges can be lapwelded together. The actual sealing operation is accomplished in approximately 15 seconds. All the sealed edges are carefully checked by the inspector at the left

3-After the edges of the roll are heat sealed the vinyl sheet cylinder is blow molded into finished glass shape in a special type autoclave. A rubber bag inside the rolled vinyl sheet acts to force heated plastic material against the contoured inner surface of the glass-shaped mold

4-Among finishing operations performed on this vinyl glass replica is the sawing off of uneven top and bottom edges of the formed plastic part. This operation employs special fixture shown in this illustration which holds the unit in place and thus assures a uniform edge. Prior to this evening up, display has been sprayed with white backup on the inside surface. There remains but to drill holes along the top and bottom edges and to rivet the anodized aluminum cover and rim pieces in place on plastic.







Color, design and finish-three important elements in jewelry of all types-are dependent to a great extent in this line of quality costume jewelry on the properties of the cast phenolic that forms the base of these pieces. Judicious combining of engraving and plating permits a wide variety of two-color and filigree effects as evidenced in this color illustration. In addition the technique lends itself to modern design. Most of the work involves combination of machine and hand work—the machine work keeping down costs, the hand work imparting necessary individuality that is essential in the quality market

# Quality jewelry uses cast phenolic

In the engraving and partial plating of variously colored stock lies the appeal of a new line of costume jewelry

Color — that compliments or contrasts with a costume.

Design—that imparts a note of individuality to ready-

made clothing.

Finish—that is pleasing to the eye, long lasting in repeated use.

These three elements are important in all types of jewelry, whether intended for the chain store counters, the quality costume field or the precious jewels market.

All three can be achieved using plastics materials for they are effects that depend upon the very qualities for which plastics are most notable—colorability, formability and durability.

### Plastics in the quality field

The mass low-cost jewelry market has long exploited these properties of plastics. But instances of the use of these materials in the quality costume field have been more rare. That this market is by no means closed to plastics is most recently attested by the engraved and plated Catalin costume pieces created by Egon F. von Seekamm of Suray, 115 W. 52nd St.

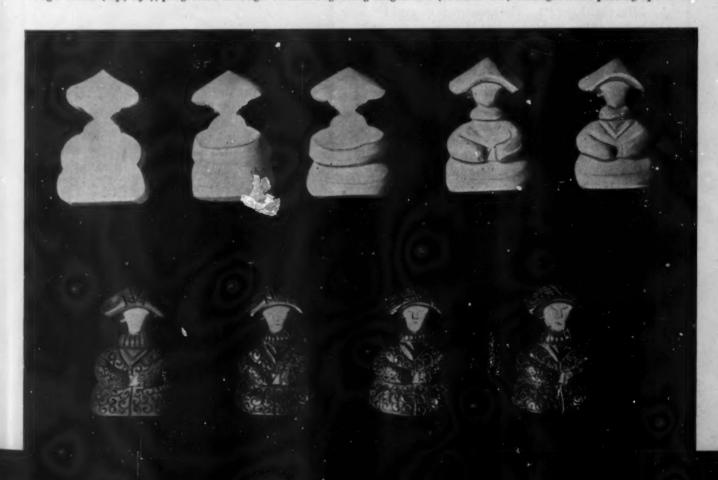
in New York City. The varied and attractive colors, designs and finishes created by this method of working cast phenolic are apparent in the color illustration on the facing page. Other designs are shown in black and white on page 106.

### The process-step by step

The secret of the financial success and the popularity of these cast phenolic pieces in the quality costume jewelry field would seem to lie in a judicious blending of hand and machine work. Exactly how the material is worked is perhaps best exemplified by the illustration immediately below which takes a mandarin pin from its first rough stage through to the finished partially plated piece. The work on this item is typical of that involved in the production of all the pins, earrings, bracelets and other accessories that are developed and marketed by this company.

The first step is the cutting of a section of cast phenolic to the approximate size of the desired article from a piece of rod or tube stock. For the mandarin pin, opaque white material is used but costume pieces

This series follows the steps involved in the production of this cast phenolic costume jewelry. The work starts with a rough blank (top, left), progresses through various engraving stages and (bottom row) through three plating operations





Solid plating or filigree work are both possible with this method of producing quality jewelry from cast phenolic

have been made from almost every color stock, including black. This cut-out piece is then roughly shaped as at the top left in the picture on the preceding page. Working on a motor-driven shaper, and following by eye the design of a finished pin, the fabricator completes the shaping of the little figure, even to adding the thin lines that represent the pattern of the mandarin coat. All this depends upon the skill of

the operator in manipulating the cast phenolic piece so just the right amount of material is ground and buffed away.

Since parts of the mandarin pin are to be left unplated and the original color of the cast phenolic stock, these sections are covered with a special masking solution. There is no example of this step in the processing in the picture on the preceding page.

The next step is to make the material conductive. To do this the pieces are dipped in a special bath from which they emerge a dull grey. At this point the masking lacquer is removed and the parts are ready for copper electroplating. The copper coating is buffed until it shines, an operation that is followed by nickel coating. Again the pieces are buffed. Finally, with this substantial backing the pins or bracelets or earrings are submerged for a short period in an electroplating bath of gold. An 18-carat gold coating is applied first for hardness, followed by a coating of 24-carat gold for beauty.

### Variety of effect

The mandarin pin that has been described is a simple work compared to the filigree bracelets such as are shown in the illustrations at the left. And to show that the Chinese motif is just a matter of present styling and not a limitation on the technique there are shown the modern flower pot design.

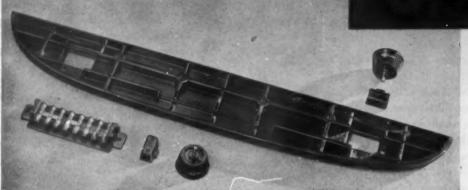
PARTS MOLDED AND EXTRUDED OF cellulose acetate butyrate in white, black or red control the pressure on clothes wringers made for electric washing machines by Lovell Mfg. Co., Erie, Pa. The pressure is exerted by means of two molded Tenite II screws—one on the top and one on the side of the wringer. The top screw is stamped in gold with "woolen," "linen" and "cotton" on one side and "low," "medium" and "high" on the other, so that the housewife will have no difficulty in selecting the proper pressure for wringing the different materials being washed.

The plastic screws easily withstand the stress although the parts are hollow and thin walled. A ribbed inner construction provides maximum strength with a minimum of material. The Plastics Div. of Erie Resistor Corp., Erie, Pa., molds the indicating screws in a 6-cavity die and non-indicating screws in an 8-cavity die. The latter are molded around a metal insert by which they are later attached, in the assembly operation, to the wringers.

Pressure is released by two thin metal bars which are covered with strips extruded of Tenite II by Erie Resistor. The flexible sections are snapped around the metal bars.



# Five reasons for phenolic in mangles



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Insulation, smooth surface, permanent finish, easy forming are qualities imparted by phenolic to six parts in this ironer. Biggest part is forming table at left. Other phenolic pieces are two dial knobs, dial shaft, combination bearing and bracket, terminal block case

HE ROLE played by plastics—in this case, phenolic resin—in the new automatic ironer of Bendix Home Appliances, Inc., South Bend, Ind., is an excellent example of the now general practice of adopting these materials for a certain job because of their functional suitability rather than for their decorative appeal alone.

The forming table on the new ironer is mounted directly over the heated shoe. Pieces to be ironed are arranged on this table before being fed into the ironer. A number of properties are required of a material for this application. It must not conduct heat, as the forming board is in close proximity to the heated shoe. It should be dielectric as a safety factor and for greater ease of assembly. It must have a smooth surface with no rough edges or sharp corners. It should have a permanent finish that will not wear away or chip off. It should be easily formable to an intricate shape, again to simplify both manufacture of the part itself and its assembly to the ironer. Work on the production of this forming table indicated that no other family of materials could fill the requirements as well as plastics and that phenolic-in this case Durez-was the most suitable of the plastics.

Phenolic enjoys a number of advantages. This material can be formed to almost any shape in one molding operation. The part emerges from the die with finish molded in. It is ready for use except for removal of a slight fin which forms at the mold parting line. The finished part is self-insulating against both heat and electricity. The molded-in finish will not chip or wear away and the piece is light in weight.

The underside of the phenolic forming table is ex-

posed in the above photograph so that the ribs and bosses which are generally used in this type of part may be seen. These reinforcing sections are used to provide the necessary strength without sacrificing the lightweight feature of the molded plastic material. The ribs also prevent warping. The cut away sections of the ribs provide space for other parts of the shoe assembly. It is interesting to note the thick-section bosses provided in this piece to give positive anchorage to the threaded, molded-in inserts. The inserts are used to fasten the table piece to the shoe.

#### Other phenolic parts

As for other Durez phenolic parts employed in this ironer, they too required special properties in the material from which they were to be made. The two thermostat dial knobs (mounted in holes on the forming table and thumb-adjusted to regulate the temperature of the shoe) require much the same properties as the table itself.

The molded-in shaft and lettering of the knobs are additional features from a production standpoint. The dial shaft combination bearing and bracket (two of which are attached to the underside of the forming table to support and locate the dials) takes advantage of the mechanical strength and wear resistance of the phenolics. A molded-in projection fits into a groove in the dial knob and limits the distance the knob may be turned. As for the terminal block base, electrical insulation was the chief consideration in choosing Durez phenolic. The excellent dielectric properties of the phenolics suit them ideally for such parts.

## VINYL paste

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE VINYL PASTE resin introduced by B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. will mark another milestone in the development of the vinyl industry in this country. The changes may come slowly but over a long pull there is a good possibility that vinyl paste will not only reduce processing costs for film, sheet and coated fabrics, but will provide another material formable without pressure in simple molds.

Attention has been previously called to vinyl paste by MODERN PLASTICS in the September 1945 and June 1947 issues. This last article reported on the widespread adoption of paste processing in Great Britain where it has attained importance, as in Germany during the war, partly because of a lack of solvents which are necessary in many other types of vinyl processing. The new Goodrich resin is based on study and interchange of information on those European methods.

There may be some questions in the industry concerning the difference between this new paste forming resin and other paste resins. Without going into too much detail, it may be explained that in general a paste compound is one containing resin and plasticizer in varying amounts for such applications as coating, dipping, molding and casting. When a large quantity of plasticizer is used, in order to obtain paste fluidity, the resultant product is generally very soft and tacky. To make a more workable substance, a diluent (solvent) is added. The diluent is usually kerosene or some similar aliphatic which, during final processing, must be removed. This is usually an expensive and hazardous operation. Here is a hypothetical example. If a processor wants to produce a film of 2200 lb. tensile strength with an elongation of 350 percent and a hardness of 75 (Durometer A), he will have to use, say, 60 parts of plasticizer to 100 parts of resin. With the generally accepted paste formulations, a 60-100 mixture is difficult to spread and end-products are generally tacky. So the processor adds a diluent which must be removed during final processing.

The newly announced paste resin is supplied so that it can be mixed with 60 parts of plasticizer, or in many other variations, and no diluent is required unless a processor desires to make a compound of lower viscosity than is normally obtained with this ratio. For certain applications where a hard finish is desired, a diluent is added to this new resin for the purpose of limiting the amount of plasticizer without sacrificing low viscosity. Diluents will, of course, continue to be used in some cases for special purposes where pigments and loading materials are added and by fabricators having equipment remove solvents.

THE SEARCH for simplicity in processing and fabricating techniques is a task of all industries. To reach this goal, newly evolved materials, products or processes must be achieved without loss of quality or rate of production.

A development of importance in the vinyl plastics field that provides simplicity in processing is a true polyvinyl chloride paste forming resin recently announced by B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. This new thermoplastic, called Geon paste resin, is most significant in that it is easily dispersed in plasticizer and with a minimum of equipment may be molded, cast, coated or dipped. It eliminates the necessity for heavy and expensive mixing equipment and will produce the same type products commonly made by calendering, solution and latex coatings. The whole concept of this vinyl paste resin can be exemplified by briefly pointing out the marked differentiation in processing techniques between vinyl latex, solution and paste coatings.

The latex is a dispersion of very small particles of vinyl chloride resin in water. Plasticization is accomplished by adding a concentrated emulsion of plasticizer to the latex. In coating applications, the water phase of the dispersion must first be evaporated, after which the deposited plasticizer and resin particles are fused by exposure to a temperature of 300° F. Evaporation requires heating equipment of varying size depending upon the application.

In solution coating with vinyl resins, a solvent such as methyl ethyl ketone is added to the resin together with a plasticizer. Due to limited solubility, it is necessary to use large quantities of solvent and there is danger of the solution gelling, which makes application very difficult. Solvents are definite fire hazards and their high cost requires expensive recovery equipment.

The new paste formulation obviates several objections inherent in the latex and solution systems. With this recent development, it is possible to disperse the resin in plasticizer, and then with simple processing equipment and proper heat treatment, produce an article possessing the same excellent qualities of the resin mixed and applied on conventional equipment to equivalent resin-plasticizer ratios. Success of this method for formulating paste resins depends upon the fact that solvation or plasticization of the resin is extremely slow at room temperature. As a result, it is possible, when operating at room temperature, to blend resin and plasticizer with the plasticizer serving as a vehicle to carry the resin. At room temperature the plasticizer remains as a separate liquid or external lubricant for the resin. However, upon heating, plasticization takes place with the liquid plasticizer being absorbed by the

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### resin

by M. N. BURLESON\*

Coating of textiles offers important outlet for vinyl paste resin. Here this paste is being applied to printed fabric by means of a laboratory knife coating machine



resin. This fusion of resin and plasticizer acts so as to form a tough, solid and useful flexible mass.

In conventional processes where vinyls are calendered, extruded or molded, heat is necessary during at least two operations. The resin is first plasticized on a hot mill and then calendered by hot rolls or extruded through a hot die. In the paste system, heat is necessary once and must be sufficient to drive the plasticizer into the resin. This necessitates heating the mass to 325 to 350° F. for the fluxing or fusion of the resin and plasticizer. The physical properties of the resultant articles are dependent on the success of this heating process. Since there is no chemical reaction involved, it means that the mass is simply brought to temperature desired.

This vinyl paste resin is a free flowing white powder with a specific gravity of 1.40. Particle size ranges from 1 to 30 microns with a mean diameter of 8 to 10 microns. With proper wet or dry grinding, the agglomerates may be broken down to a 1 to 5 micron range which is optimum for most paste formulations. In some instances, it may not be necessary to grind the resin at all.

#### Formulation

B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. has developed a series of paste-forming resins varying somewhat in formulating

Table I—Typical Properties of Geon 190-X-210 with Varying Amounts of Resin and Plasticizer

Geon 100-X-210	45	50	55	60	65	70
Dioctyl phthalate	55	50	45	40	35	30
Hardness (after fusion) Durometer A	50	- 55	65	70	80	90
Initial viscosity centi- poise <sup>6</sup>	1000	2900	3000	3500	7500	87,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A single reading taken with a Synchro-Lectric Viscosimeter.

and processing methods and also in the final physical properties obtained. In order to describe a pasteforming system in the most simplified way, the new Geon 100-X-210 has been selected for description in this article. Properties of this resin are shown in Table I.

Geon paste resin is applicable to two distinct formulating methods. The first of these is a straight resinplasticizer mixture, where the resin is merely dispersed in plasticizer by simple stirring. The other involves the addition of a volatile diluent to the resin-plasticizer mixture. This latter method makes possible a wide range of hardness in finished products.

#### Resin-plasticizer system

Paste formulation using the resin-plasticizer system is quite simple. The best dispersion is obtained by adding the resin to the plasticizer and, for some applications, this is accomplished by simply stirring. An ink mill employing only a few passes may also be used to give an excellent dispersion. Care must be exercised however, to cool the rolls as heat will thicken the paste mixture. For coatings that are not subsequently embossed, it is advisable, if simple mixing is used, to drygrind the resin. This grinding is not necessary for molding applications.

The fabricator should never lose sight of the concept for which a paste resin is designed, that is, the achievement of a fluid and easily applied thermoplastic material. Thus, the choice of plasticizer is extremely important. Selection should be limited to those that give the formulation a low viscosity and a slow rate of solvent action at room temperature, and when heat is applied, plasticize the resin rapidly to produce a solid fused mass. Other properties to be considered when choosing a plasticizer are low temperature flexibility, volatility, odor, color and compatibility. Recommended plasticizers are dioctyl phthalate, trioctyl phosphate and di-n-octyl phthalate. (Please turn to next page)

Blends of plasticizers such as dioctyl phthalate and triethylene glycol esters have proved useful in lowering the viscosity and reducing thixotropy. There are many more combinations that may be used. It is simply a matter of keeping in mind the properties desired in the finished product.

#### Resin-plasticizer-diluent

Paste formulations employing a diluent are also relatively simple. The principal advantage of this system is that the diluent provides additional volume and retains fluidity during fabrication even with low plasticizer content. Thus, it is possible with this system to gain varying degrees of hardness in the finished product. Straight chain aliphatics just above the gasoline range in molecular weight are recommended as diluents because they do not swell the resin, thereby maintaining low viscosity and increased storage life. The evaporation rate with this type of diluent is rapid enough so that none will remain after the resin has been fused. Small quantities of active solvents such as ketones and esters may be added to the mixture as an aid in stabilizing the mix. These ingredients also help in the fusing process by softening the resin for the plasticizer.

The choice of plasticizer for the diluent system is very important for, as in the resin-plasticizer system, it must act as the dispersant as well as the plasticizer. Dioctyl phthalate is commonly used but other plasticizers deserve consideration. Blending of plasticizers in this system is also desirable because frequently the dispersing qualities may be controlled in this manner.

#### General formulating practice

Like all organic material, vinyl resin tends to decompose to some extent on exposure to high temperatures. Consideration should be given to the use of heat stabilizers such as SN or V-1-N with paste resin to reduce the possibility of heat breakdown during the fusion.

Paste formulations, unless controlled, exhibit unusual flow properties. The extent to which thixotropy (structural buildup on standing and breakdown on mixing) concerns a formulator depends upon the end-use of the mixture. For coating, casting or dipping, it is not a desirable condition and must be controlled. This can be done in the resin-plasticizer system by using a blend of various plasticizers. In the resin-plasticizer diluent system, thixotropy may be controlled by the use of active solvents for the resin such as methyl-isobutyl ketone. These materials serve as dispersants for the resin and aid the plasticizer in giving a stable dispersion. This active solvent also serves to lower the fusion temperature somewhat and improves the film forming properties of the paste resin. Because the active solvents cause the resin to swell slightly as the paste is heated, plasticization takes place more easily.

Other ingredients added to Geon paste resin include colors, fillers and stabilizers such as lead carbonate or lead silicate. An unlimited choice of colors, from delicate pastels to rich bright hues, may be used in paste formulations. Titanium dioxide, lead titanate and

basic lead carbonate are all acceptable as base or covering pigments.

The choice of color pigments is generally governed by the stability of the shade with respect to heat and light. Colors that have been satisfactory for conventional vinyl compounding also show good results with the paste resin. They are anthraquinone and indanthrene blues, yellows and orange; phthalocyanine blues and greens; and the cadmium and lithol reds.

Fillers such as clay or whiting should have as low an oil absorption factor as possible. The maximum amount of plasticizer is then available for lubrication and dispersion of the resin.

All pigments should be added to the paste mix as dispersions in plasticizer. This should be particularly true in simple mixing when using the resin-plasticizer formulation, because stirring will not disperse the loading agent or color sufficiently. In the resin-plasticizer diluent system the mixing efficiency of the ink roll or ball mill will be enhanced by adding the pigments as dispersions 2 to 3 hr. before the milling is complete.

#### Applications

Applications for Geon paste resin cover the fields of low pressure and cast molding, spread and dip coating. Products are equivalent in quality to those made by calendering, molding, solution and latex coating. Laboratory experiments have shown excellent reproductions of surface, good stability and no residual stress or strains when using paste materials.

On the basis of present trends, paste technology gives every indication of competing for and capturing a substantial part of the vinyl sheeting business. Solution coating is an old industry and has not only had the disadvantage of expensive and flammable solvents but has been hampered by the fact that substantial coatings have always required a great many passes through the coating machine. The new paste process permits laying down of films or coatings up to twenty mils thick in one operation. Therefore, the range of films that can be produced by paste processes can be varied to include thin films useful in good packaging, films of medium gage for raincoats, shower curtains, aprons, etc., and heavy films practical for upholstery and luggage. Moreover, these films respond to embossing techniques in the same way as those produced by any other process. Single pass operation will be a powerful stimulus in converting conventional methods to this new and economical technique.

Heretofore, in molding polyvinyl materials, it has been necessary to use either injection or compression molding machinery. Articles molded from the new vinyl paste resin exhibit the same excellent service qualities as those obtained from conventional resins. Since they are thermoplastic and will deform with heat, products that will undergo high heat are not suggested. Gaskets, shoe soling, printing rolls and novelty items are only a few of the articles that can be molded with this new low pressure technique. Children's toys, including exquisitely molded dolls, can be made by paste

molding processes. Never before have the properties of vinyl resins been within the scope of such applications in which the desirable features of tear strength, nontoxicity and permanance are so necessary.

The electrical industry has for years been searching for a material with which to fill the voids in the cores of large electrical cable. These voids have always been troublesome because of ionization difficulties that, during a moment of electrical stress, might quickly cause failure of the cable. Vinyl paste formulations have shown promise in this type of use because they can be so readily forced into the interstices of cables and fused

in place.

The use of Geon paste resin in dipping applications is extremely interesting. Using the resin-plasticizer formulation, it is possible to obtain a very thick coating with a single dip. Dipping is aided by preheating the article to be coated. Preheating sets a thick layer of paste next to the dipped surface. The quantity of paste compound picked up by a dipped article can be controlled by the viscosity of the formulation and by the amount of heat added to the dipped part. If a thin coating is desired, it is not necessary to preheat for enough material clings to the article to give a smooth continuous film. Large potential volume is indicated for dipping with paste materials for such applications as gloves, toys, dish drainers, plating racks and thinwalled electrical insulations.

#### Processing

Processing with vinyl paste resin follows the same pattern of simplicity as exhibited in the technique of formulation. Mixing and grinding is commonly accomplished through the use of a pebble mill. Flint pebbles or porcelain balls are preferable as a grinding media. Steel balls may be used if care is exercised to prevent iron contamination, since iron causes discoloration and may initiate breakdown of the base resin.

Certain precautions must be followed during grinding, mixing and handling operations. Heat build-up should be kept at a minimum, since heat from any source causes a marked increase in the viscosity of a paste formulation. Care should be exercised to cool the mixture while stirring or grinding. Storage of the mix prior to use should be in a cool place away from radiators and steam pipes, for the same reason.

The casting of thin films one to four mils in thickness is a relatively simple operation. The paste is coated on a temporary support such as a stainless steel belt, fused with heat, and the resultant film stripped from the carrier. Casting films with pastes enables a processor to control the gage of film to very close tolerances, down to one ten-thousandth of an inch. This is a decided advantage which is becoming more and more important in view of recent progress in electronic heat sealing, a process that requires extremely close gage tolerance of the vinyl film, for fabricating finished products.

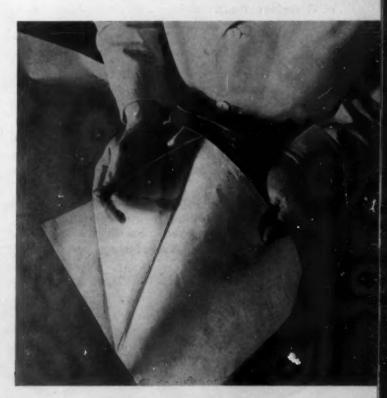
Low pressure molding techniques formerly confined to the casting or pouring resins that could only be condensed or polymerized are now possible with paste formulation. A fabricator is now able to get the desirable properties of a polyvinyl material without expensive molds and machinery of conventional methods. Since a Geon paste resin formulation is a liquid and will fuse and knit together with application of heat, it is a simple operation to obtain molded polyvinyl materials without applying pressure. With the resin-plasticizer system, there is practically no shrinkage in the mold because of the absence of a chemical reaction or the loss of volatiles. Liquid plasticizers have a small degree of volatility, hence their small shrinkage.

The use of the resin-plasticizer diluent system for impregnations is an extremely interesting application. Here too, conventional techniques and equipment can be used. That is, the formulation can be applied to a base material in a bath, the excess removed with rolls and the resin fused at a temperature of 325 to 350° F.

#### Conclusion

Paste type resins respond to fundamentally simple formulating and processing methods. They can be converted to plastic products which have excellent physical and chemical properties. Paste technology has already demonstrated that it can produce superior products to those made by older conventional methods. This can be clearly seen in the unsupported vinyl sheeting and film markets where paste resins have achieved high strength, freedom from residual strain, uniform properties in all directions and extremely close gage tolerances—all this with sound economy.

Cast vinyl paste film is stripped, after fusion, from the paper sheeting that served as a carrier for the film



# A 4-part polyester impregnated

THERE are advantages aplenty for the sportsman in the new low pressure molded Fiberglas matpolyester resin minnow buckets that have made their appearance this season. Not only does this Minnow Float bring new standards of light weight, durability, integral color and freedom from rust to this sports accessory but it has the unique property of being able to float in an upright position when fully loaded, due to an inner ring of Styrofoam. But aside from these attractive properties, the bucket is of interest because its production involved the adaptation of several rapid fabrication techniques to low pressure laminating field.

Developed by Sam Shobert of the Motor Tool Mfg. Co., Cortland at Cloverdale, Detroit, Mich., the bucket is now in production by that organization and is being promoted in media reaching sportsmen. Raw T-34 Fiberglas mat is the filler material used throughout the bucket. The polyester resin is Selectron 5003, to which is added 5 percent green color paste, also supplied by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. The completed bucket, a pleasing green in color, is finished off with a fish-shaped gold decalcomania. Wall thicknesses run to 0.050 in. except on the bottom of the bucket where the reinforced lip measures <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in. to provide extra strength required at this point.

Structurally, the bucket includes an inner and outer shell, formed by separate male and female molds, and fused later into a single unit. These two cylindrical sections are shaped from preforms, made by stapling precut pieces of T-34 mat on wooden forms. Also molded of Fiberglas mat are the circular lid and the perforated inner strainer by which minnows are raised for removal.

#### Molding body of bucket

Molding of the inner and outer shells is handled on a specially built air-operated press, using chrome plated steel dies and a molding pressure of 50 p.s.i. A measured amount of the die-bearing resin is introduced into the female cavity after the preform has been placed in position. As the male plug enters the cavity, resin is squeezed up through the dry preform, insuring uniform resin distribution.

With a molding temperature of 270 to 280° F., provided by nichrome ribbons wrapped around the molds, curing time on the outer shell runs slightly under 1 ½ minutes. Approximately 200 of these parts can be made in a normal 8-hr. working day. The incorporation of a cutting edge on the mold, which stamps a circular opening in the shell at the time of the molding, eliminates the need for an extra finishing operation and insures minimum waste of material. This opening, cut in the bottom of the outer shell, actually becomes the mouth of the finished bucket.

Although it has a decided draft, the outer shell holds

# glass mat bucket

The adaptation of several rapid fabricating methods to the low pressure field features the molding of this durable, lightweight, rustproof minnow bucket



These four variously arranged finished minnow buckets afford a clear picture of the overall construction of the unit which employs a total of five different plastic parts

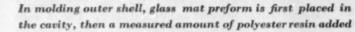
firmly to the force plug when the mold is opened and is released without difficulty. Possible sticking of the shell in the cavity is eliminated through the use of series of dents or dimples around the upper circumference of the force plug. During the molding operation, the Fiberglas material is forced into these depressions, so that the shell is held in plug when the mold opens.

The inner shell, slightly smaller in diameter, is molded in the same way. Since the walls of this piece have very little taper, sufficient gripping action is produced to insure easy withdrawal by the force plug.

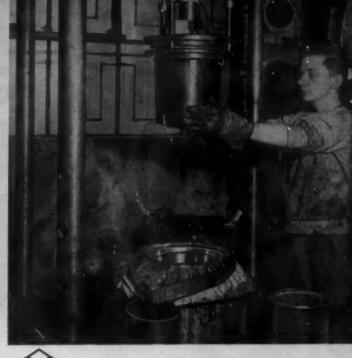
#### Assembly of shells, handle and float ring

One of the toughest problems encountered in the molding of the bucket had to do with the method of fastening the wire handle securely to the outer shell:



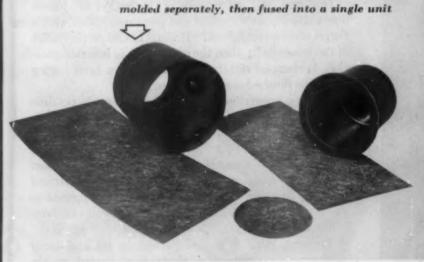


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Outer shell adheres to the force plug as the mold opens because of small depressions near top of plug

The outer shell (left) and inner shell (right) are



Jig used to form expanded polystyrene is actually a cut-off section of one of the shells. The rings thus formed are later cemented into top



Inner shell (above) is molded in same manner as outer shell. Temperature of mold, around 275° F., is held by resistance wires placed in mold

Expanded polystyrene which gives buoyance to the bucket is first cut in strips, softened at around 300° F. and then formed to desired shape











Farleft—In assemblying inner, outer shells of this minnow bucket, inner bucket is placed in a support and resin applied to flange at the top. The outer shell is then placed over the inner piece

Left—A toggle mechanism holds two shells tightly together while electrical heating elements polymerize polyester resin and form the shells into one unit



Efficient production of outer lid pieces is attained by forming them from continuous roll of glass mat. Proper volume of resin is introduced into shallow female cavity before each cycle. Cutting edge of die cuts the lids out at the same time they are formed. Pins simultaneously perforate the lid. Inner strainer is produced in same manner

the means of attachment had to meet appearance standards and also had to be so strong that no normal amount of strain could tear the handle loose. Although the bucket itself weighs only  $1^2/_2$  lb., the total weight when loaded with  $1^2/_2$  gal. of water and a "full house" of minnows is something over 12 pounds.

The lugs on the bottom surface of the outer shell, into which the wire handle fastens, are formed of wads of glass mat which are stuffed into openings in the nose of the force plug before the mold is closed. Openings for the insertion of the wire are drilled later. Use of wads of the mat material rather than rolls was found to result in an extensive overlapping of fibers, producing a lug which cannot be torn from the bucket without literally rupturing the shell itself.

The inner and outer shells of the bucket are joined into a single unit with heat and pressure applied with a toggle press arrangement. Resin is placed on the flange of the inner shell; then the outer shell, in inverted position, is clamped tightly over it. After a brief curing cycle, the finished shell is removed.

Floating properties of the bucket are made possible by an inner flotation ring of Styrofoam. Bought in 1-in. slabs, the foamed polystyrene is sawed into pieces measuring 1 by 1 by 24 inches. Individual strips are then impaled on a metal point and inserted for a short time in a heating chamber. After softening at around 300° F., the strip is withdrawn and quickly formed to the required circular shape in a jig. The rings are later cemented into bucket top with asphalt type adhesive.

The remaining Fiberglas parts—the lid and inner strainer—are molded on electrically heated molds, using the same technique as on the shell sections. With a molding cycle of about 30 sec. on these parts, rapid output is attained by feeding the T-34 mat into the mold from a continuous roll mounted beside the press. Dies have a cutting edge which stamp out the pieces as each is molded, as well as pins which simultaneously produce the necessary perforations. This continuous molding method is fast and holds material waste to minimum.

As shown in accompanying photographs, the inner shell section is drilled with a series of holes near the top to permit free circulation of water through this section of the bucket. Other fabricating operations include drilling of the handle lugs, fastening handle in position, screwing a small plastic knob and metal spring clip to the lid, attaching the perforated inner strainer to the lid with a length of nylon filament, and finally, application of the decalcomania.



# Plastics Plastics Products

The ink reservoir of the Eversharp CA ball point pen consists of a spiral wound coil of thin-walled polythene tubing down which ink flows, providing a uniform feed. This Aeroflex tubing is extruded by Anchor Plastics Co., Inc., as is transparent Tenite II outer tube of pen cartridge. Block at end of tube is also Tenite II

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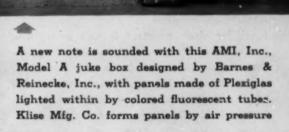
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This champagne bucket, 8 in. high with a width of 6 in. at the base and 10 in. at the top, is being molded of transparent green Styron by Cruver Mfg. Co. for use by Roma Wine Co. in a national sales promotional plan for its champagne. Glued to three gold filled grooves on each side of bucket are styrene nameplates wiped in gold





Scooping and ejecting ice cream can be performed without shifting hand position on this Medco scoop made by Measuring Device Corp. Too, Chemaco ethyl cellulose handle, molded by Cowan-Boyden Corp. is pleasant to the touch

# Plastrich Plastrich Products





Stacking winnings is easy with this individual playing chip rack molded and distributed by Prisk Plastic Molding. Racks, of brown or black Bakelite phenolic, come in sets of four, are unaffected by water or alcohol and will not burn or chip. These advantages hold for individual coaster-ash trays, also molded of Bakelite resin. A cigarette placed in groove of ash tray section will snuff out of its own accord if left for any length of time

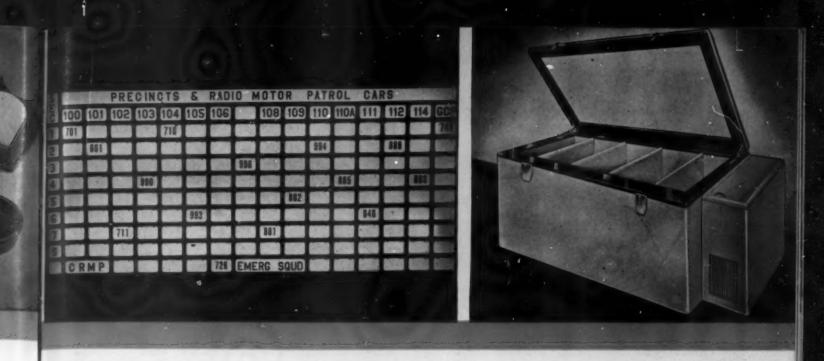
Resiliency and dimensional stability of Tenite I and II make them ideal for these W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. pencil lead containers. Two types are available—one, of Tenite II, having rounded ends and hinged lid; the other, of Tenite, having conventional oblong shape with cap top. Caps and flip tops are blue; cases are yellow or black. Both containers are injection molded by Injection Molding Co. Flip-top is assembled by fitting two molded lugs on top into holes in case

Ideal for close quarters is this handy-size combination tray-cocktail table with collapsible legs and tray of black phenolic resin. Plastic Molding Corp. compression molds the tray frame of Resinox or Bakelite for Modern Living, Inc. This material was selected because of its high finish, stain resistance

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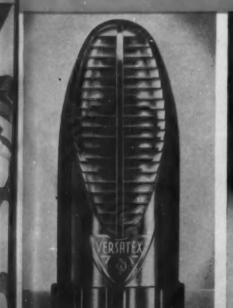
Location of patrol cars can be told at a glance on this radio-car dispatching board designed by Printloid, Inc., and the New York City Police Dept. Molded Plastacele letters are attached to a 2 by 5-ft. Lucite sheet for permanent marker headings. Black acrylic lacquer outlines rectangular openings through which light appears. Hooks are sealed above each space. Finally, transparent Plastacele squares, with numerals of various squad cars printed on them, may be hung over the openings on hooks

Resistance to water, chemicals and aging, non-flammability, gloss, flexibility and good adhesion are qualities which led to selection of Vinylite resin coating for this new R. H. Bishop Co. food freezer. Developed by Pyroxylin Products, Inc., this finish offers economies in production since it does not require costly air conditioning and drying oven equipment. It is suited for coating flat metal sheets before final fabrication since it withstands drawing, stamping or other forming

A strikingly designed Plaskon housing is featured in this Versatex microphone that can be used as hand microphone, placed on desk tops or floor stands for home recordings, public address systems. Microphone which is molded by Chicago Die Mold Corp. has a built-in protective resistor

A handsome case of clear Tenite sells graduated set of nine bit-stock drills for Cleveland Twist Drill Co. Grooved retainers keep drills in order. The case, which is molded by Standard Molding Corp., can be shipped, carried or stored without danger of breaking the drills. The lid opens on two hinges and is snapped shut by means of a flexible lug which closes against a small metal pin

Dealers may keep their names before customers with these Tenite II auto tags produced for Bernard Stamp Engineering Co. by Champion Molded Plastics. To cut costs, bases are produced in one mold in conjunction with other molds for lettering—a different one for each advertiser. Tags will withstand oil and dust of road travel









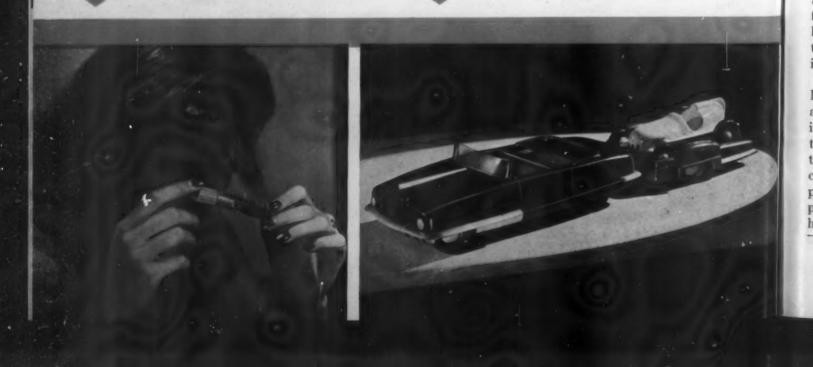
This Lumarith shade in ivory or mahogany, designed to hold an 8-watt fluorescent tube, has a built-in filter to eliminate radio interference. Injection molded by Boonton Molding Co. for Acme-Lite Products Co., it has hooks for hanging on beds, holes for wall installation

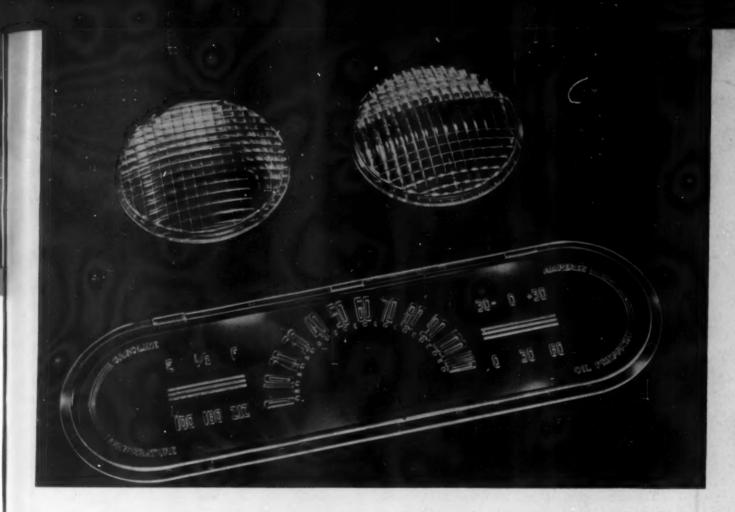
Costly errors can be eliminated by this cap and bottle gage which quickly shows right size and Glass Container Association finish of caps and bottles. Caps are slipped over top projections, bottles into bottom cut-outs. Gage is made of Synthane laminated cloth base phenolic for Stanley Sapery. The lettering is hot stamped



Sof formed curls are assured with these Bakelite polystyreme curlers precision molded by American Molding Co. with teeth that secure hair firmly. They come in various colors, are light weight, non-flammable, resist chemicals New engineering developments—many involving extensive use of plastics—have been incorporated into buses now coming off the production line. Here a young woman is using a plastic signal cord to notify the driver of her approaching stop. This signal cord, which is being marketed under the tradename of Conncord by Jessall Plastics, Inc., is made from Geon polyvinyl plastic. Plastic cord has advantages of being impervious to acids, greases, and resistant to heavy wear such as is encountered in transportation field. Damp cloth removes dust

Lustron or Bakelite polystyrene are used for Kar King toy car, trailer and racer just introduced by Glen Dimension Co. and molded by Norco Plastics Co. Top half of roadster is blue; bottom half white. One-piece trailer is red; two-piece racer yellow. Windshield is punched from acetate sheet. Sellon-Collins designed this unit





# Heat resistance, clarity in new acrylic

A ACRYLIC injection molding powder that would impart higher heat resistance to molded parts has long been sought by the molding industry. In the past, manufacturers of acrylic molding powders have supplied heat resistant formulations, but frequently at the expense of other characteristics which are essential to satisfactory molding.

Preliminary data on Plexiglas V,¹ a recently announced acrylic injection molding powder, indicate that the product not only provides heat resistance of a high degree, but improved moldability as well, through a low flow temperature. In addition, the manufacturer claims that articles molded from the powder have a transparency that is noticeably greater than the clarity to which the descriptive term crystal clear is generally applied.

An interesting figure in the table of properties for Plexiglas V is the extremely small amount of shrinkage at 100° C. of an injection molded test bar. Users of injection molded articles have pointed out in the past that, from a practical standpoint, a high heat distortion temperature is of advantage only when it is combined with a low shrinkage factor. A molding powder such as this new acrylic, which imparts both properties, provides genuine stability at prolonged high service temperatures. (Please turn to next page)

1 Produced by the Rohm & Haas Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Table I.—Preliminary Data<sup>a</sup> on Plexiglas V Injection Molding Powder

Property	Test conditions	Plexiglas V
Tensile strength	1/4 in. Max.	9000 p.s.i.
	1/4 in. Rupture	
Flexural strength	A.S.T.M. D650-42T	
	Maximum	15,000 p.s.i.
	Deflection	0.3 in.
	Modulus of elasticity	400,000 p.s.i.
Impact strength	A.S.T.M. D256-41T	
	Charpy unnotched (1/2	
	in. $\times$ $^{1}/_{2}$ in. sect.)	3.2 ft. lb.
	Charpy notched (per	
	in. molded notch)	0.48 ft. lb.
	Izod (milled notch)	
	(per in. of notch)	0.44 ft. lb.
Rockwell number	1/4-in. Ball, 100 kg. load	M-91
Shrinkage of injec-	2 hr. at 100° C.	0.005 in./in.
tion molded bar	48 hr. at 100° C.	0.013 in./in.
Flow temperature	A.S.T.M. D569-43T	
The state of the s	At 1500 p.s.i.	158 ± 5° C.
Mold shrinkage	(Cold mold to cold piece).	4-6 mils/in.
Heat distortion	A.S.T.M. D648-45T	
	2° C./min.—264 p.s.i.	
	"as received"	90° C.
	Normalized 48 hr. at	
4	70° C.	94° C.
Specific gravity	A.S.T.M. D71-27	1.19
Refractive index		1.49

a Not intended for specification purposes.

Initial applications for the improved molding powder are reported to be mainly in the automotive field, where several manufacturers have specified the material for hood ornaments, instrument panel dials and other acrylic parts. The powder has also been molded in a variety of thin and thick shapes such as water tumblers, brush backs and street lighting globes.

For economy and ease of molding with this powder, the manufacturer recommends cylinder temperatures of 440 to 480° F. (227 to 249° C.). Molding runs in the material manufacturer's sales service laboratory have indicated a preferential mold temperature of at least 150° F. (66° C.). Mold designs should incorporate the general practices that have been found to give best results with acrylic powders—sprues, runners and gates should be as large as possible, to insure high production and to keep rejects to a minimum.

The figures in Table I are said to represent average values obtained with accepted molding techniques and test methods.

ANOTHER PROPIONATE MOLDING powder was made available to the trade when Tennessee Eastman Corp. recently announced Tenite III, the trade name for their cellulose acetate propionate plastic which is offered in pellet and granular form for injection molding and continuous extrusion. The price is 59 cents a lb. for plain colors in 30,000-lb. lots of one item. Black is 50 cents.

The announcement came as no particular surprise to the industry since well-grounded rumors that a new Tenite was on the way have been in circulation for several months. The only other admitted manufacturer of propionate molding material is Celanese Plastics Corp. who announced their material late in 1945 but were delayed in getting into production due to construction bottle-

necks. The latter company merchandise their product under the name of Forticel and designate it as cellulose propionate while Tennessee Eastman Corp. calls it cellulose acetate propionate.

The letter accompanying the Tennessee Eastman announcement said that Tenite III has superior impact strength and dimensional stability to Tenite I and has less odor than Tenite II. The company reports that their new product is not compatible with cellulose acetate and only slightly compatible with cellulose acetate butyrate. It has slightly more resistance to organic solvents than cellulose acetate butyrate but less than cellulose acetate. Cellulose lacquers can be used with the harder flows of Tenite III but in the softer flows there is a tendency for plasticizer migration to the lacquer coating.

Property	Temp.	R.H.						Formule.	2				_	
	°F.	%		H4	H3	H2	H	MH	M	MS	S	S2	S3	
Flow temperature, ° F.	0 0 0		347	338	329	320	311	302	293					
Specific gravity	77	50	1.22	1.22	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.19	1.18					
Rockwell hardness	77	50	R115	R112	R107	R101	R94	R87	R80					
Elongation, %	77	50	40	41	43	45	48	51	55					
Impact strength, ftlb./in. notch	-40		0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7					
	77	50	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.9					
Tensile strength, p.s.i.	77	50	5810	5270	4740	4230	3770	3350	3020					
	158		4330	3800	3290	2830	2450	2180	2000					
Flexural strength, p.s.i.	77	50	12,210	10,700	9280	7940	6740	5750	4980					
	158		9100	7760	6500	5370	4390	3690	3180		* * *			
Modulus of elasticity, p.s.i. × 10 <sup>8</sup>	77	50	1.97	1.80	1.64	1.48	1.33	1.19	1.05					
	158		1.64	1.46	1.29	1.12	0.96	0.81	0.67					
Distortion under heat, ° F.			184	172	160	150	141	134	130					
Deformation under load, %									224					
(cold flow)	122		1	3	4	8	16	29	39					
Water absorp. (24 hr. immersion)														
Total, %	77		2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8					
Soluble matter lost, %	77		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Accelerated aging, 72 hr.														
Weight lost, %	180		0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7					



# Nylon rope heads for new markets

ORE than 20 different synthetic filaments have been evaluated so far in rope. Of these, only three—nylon, Saran, glass—have been found to have practical application in the rope field in their present state of development and nylon is easily the most important of these three synthetics.

The Plymouth Cordage Co., Plymouth, Mass., has worked with nylon fiber since shortly after the introduction of this wholly man-made fiber by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., in 1938. Progress in determining its value in rope was necessarily slow at first because supplies of nylon yarn for rope development were quite limited. During the war, however, important military uses were found—glider tow rope, mountain climbing rope, hammock rope, air pick-up rope and other special applications.

The war need for nylon rope provided the opportunity to gain accelerated experience with its manufacture and extensive information on physical properties. During the latter stages of the war, actual service tests were begun in a number of different types of rope

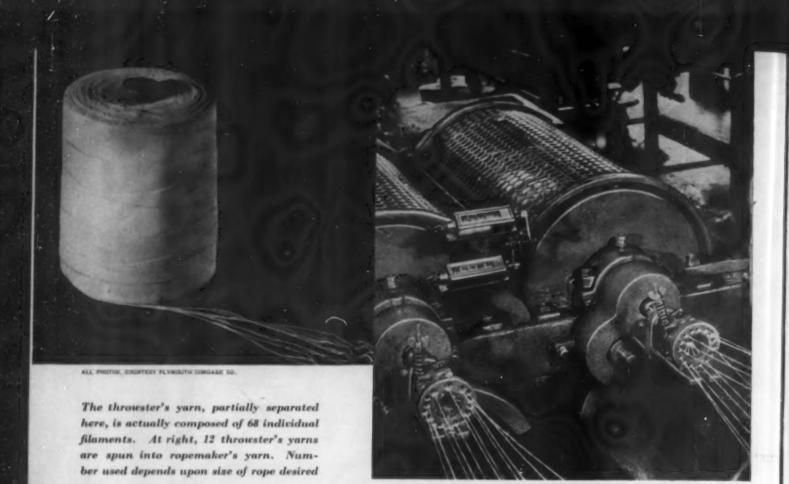
service looking to definite postwar uses for the product.

This extensive service test program has resulted already in a number of civilian uses in which nylon rope is outstanding and superior to ordinary types of rope in performance and service life. These include nylon yacht rope and anchor line, mooring line, lariat rope, mule spinner ropes, spindle banding and mountain climbing rope. In addition, the use of nylon rope for glider towing and in the air pick-up of mail and freight is continuing into the postwar period.

There are also uses where service requirements suggest nylon but where present nylon rope either does not meet all of the service requirements for various reasons or does not give a sufficient increase in service life to permit use at present prices. Examples of such uses are projectile lines, potwarp, alongside towing lines, torpedo lines and drop hammer ropes.

From all experience so far, it is clear that the use of nylon rope is now quite selective. There is no doubt, however, that additional applications will be found where nylon is advantageous but the determination of suitability in each case will require careful consider-

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ation of physical properties, performance and cost based on relative service life in comparison with the hard fiber or cotton ropes.

#### Ropemaking

While the fiber used determines the physical properties of the finished rope to a great degree, rope construction also plays an important part and has a marked influence on performance. The amount of twist put into the yarn, strand and rope, as well as the relationship between these twists, affect such important properties as tensile strength, abrasion resistance, handle-ability and, to some degree, elasticity.

Several steps are eliminated when making nylon ropes. Fiber blending, fiber cleaning, preparation and lubrice an are not needed. However, the remaining three mechanical operations of 1) spinning the yarns, 2) forming the strands, and 3) laying the rope are carried out as in the making of natural fiber ropes and on the same equipment.

The nylon is received in throwster's yarn form ready for spinning into ropemaker's yarns. Plymouth Cordage Co. generally uses a virgin nylon, type 300, of 210 denier, 68 filament. Each size of nylon rope must contain a certain number of denier, all lined up on an established base. Knowing the number of denier required for any given size of rope and the number of denier in the yarns received, it is a simple matter to calculate the number of these throwster's yarns which must be twisted into our ropemaker's yarn. It then requires special care and handling in spinning as these nylon threads behave quite differently from the hard, natural fibers.

The final operations of forming the strands and laying

the rope vary little from normal processes. An entirely new technique, however, was necessary in determining proper lays of rope and twists of strands.

Lack of space precludes any comprehensive discussion of the physical properties of nylon rope, but we can review its more outstanding and important qualities to illustrate what might be expected of this type of rope and to serve as a guide in determining possible application. Keep in mind that rope construction also affects rope qualities. It is not possible to quote figures that will apply generally.

#### Outstanding properties of nylon rope

Strength—Strength is an important characteristic of all ropes and in this respect nylon rope is outstanding. It is the strongest of the synthetic ropes and has about 3 to  $3^{1/2}$  times the strength of cotton rope. It is appreciably stronger than hard fiber ropes, being approximately  $1^{1/2}$  to  $2^{1/2}$  times stronger than Manila and 2 to 3 times stronger than sisal. The wet strength of nylon rope, however, is about 83 percent of the dry strength and this must be kept in mind in selecting rope size in those uses where wet strength is important.

The higher strength of nylon permits the use of a smaller rope for equivalent strength in services where there are no other limitations on size. The advantages of course, are weight saving and easier handling.

Abrasion resistance—All rope is subject to wear in use. Therefore, good abrasion resistance or durability is desirable. Here again, nylon rope is outstanding, having remarkably high dry-wear resistance as compared with hard fiber ropes. Laboratory and actual service tests show that nylon is considerably better than ordinary fiber ropes under general wear conditions.

It wears somewhat faster when wet but it is still better than Manila. Nylon rope will chafe as will all ropes, necessitating protection from severe chafing.

Elasticity—Nylon rope stretches appreciably when loaded and has high elastic recovery when the load is released. It has much higher working elasticity on repeated loading than any other synthetic or than Manila, sisal or cotton ropes. When first loaded, it increases in length permanently to a degree depending on and increasing with the load applied.

The combination of high stretch, elasticity and strength possessed by nylon results in a rope with high energy absorption and excellent impact strength.

Therefore, in uses where rope may be shock loaded or where good energy absorption is needed—such as mountain climbing rope, glider towing, air pick-up work—nylon rope is superior to other types now available.

On the other hand, there are uses in which stretch and elasticity are objectionable. Such a use is along-side towing. Here, it is important to hold constant the relative position of the tug and the tow. There are also services—such as yacht rope—where high stretch causes no difficulty but is of no advantage.

Resistance to deterioration—Another unusual and valuable property of nylon for rope is its excellent resistance to rotting organisms and marine deterioration. Strength retentions of from 75 to 90 percent have been obtained in tests on nylon ropes after one to two years' use in several different marine services, indicating considerable additional service life. Furthermore, nylon rope is resistant to attack by marine borers in sea water. Since no rot proofing treatment is needed with nylon rope, the user has added advantages in cleanliness, appearance and lower weight. Marine fouling organisms will grow on nylon rope but, apparently, to a lessor degree than with ordinary ropes.

Because of excellent rot resistance, nylon rope will not suffer loss in strength in cases where there is no opportunity to dry the rope after wetting or where it is necessary to put the rope in storage while still damp or wet. However, best practice is to dry nylon rope before long-time storage. Incidentally, strength tests on nylon ropes in storage up to four years have shown no loss in strength.

Used outdoors, exposed to light and atmospheric conditions, nylon rope again shows high retention of strength over long periods in comparison with other fiber ropes. Light has a degrading action on nylon fiber, but the effect of light on rope is less than might be expected. This is because of the relatively small percentage of nylon fiber in the rope on the surface and exposed to light. One nylon rope in continuous outdoor use from May to November lost but 11 percent of its original strength.

Nylon fiber has low moisture regain and water causes no lateral swelling. Nylon rope, therefore, is very little affected on wetting as compared to hard fiber ropes, except for the slight loss in original strength already mentioned. The rope structure absorbs water, but the increase in weight with nylon is much less. Slight hardening takes place when nylon rope is wet, but this is taken care of by adjusting the rope construction so that rope handleability is practically the same wet as dry. There is no swelling when wet.

#### Handling and size of nylon rope

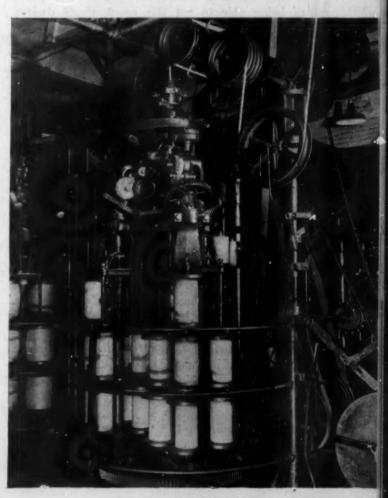
The surface of nylon rope is smooth and somewhat slippery, more so than with hard fiber ropes. Because of this, many have questioned the spliceability of nylon rope and the efficiency of the splices. Considerable experience has shown that nylon rope can be easily spliced, using the usual splicing methods.

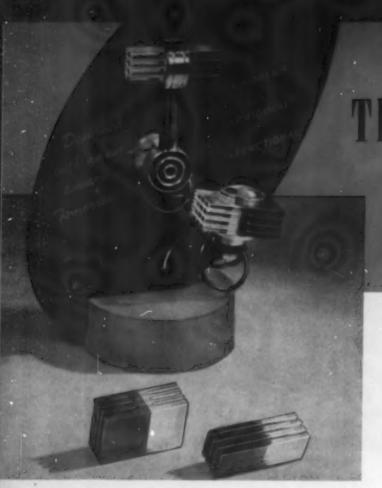
Large nylon ropes have been made, the largest so far being a 9-in. circumference cable made during the war for towing and mooring use. This cable had a strength of about 115,000 lb., which is approximately equivalent to a 13-in. circumference cable-laid manila rope or a 15-in. circumference cable-laid sisal rope. The 880-ft. coil weighed 1908 pounds.

#### Future of synthetics

While there is no doubt as to the superiority of nylon rope in the uses developed so far, in most cases, no final statements can be made yet on actual service life relative to hard fiber or cotton ropes.

A standard compound former-layer is seen here. It first forms three strands, then lays these into finished rope





# he WHY and HOW of dyeing plastics

The dyeing of plastics makes possible coloring of sections of an article as in the case of these auto parking lights. Problem in this piece was to prevent dye from creeping along grooves into clear sections. The solution was found in stopping the grooves where dye was to stop

phenolic. Although the dye has been used successfully on polystyrene, the dye manufacturer does not recommend it.

#### Tinting for pastel shades

The artificial flowers produced by Curry Arts, 514 Broadway, Scranton, Pa. (page 126), offer an example of how this cold-dip dye can be effectively used. These Plexiglas flowers, after being formed with heat and given a slight sandblasting, are dipped in the dye for a few seconds to obtain the delicate pastel shades of the petals. Dyeing is done by placing parts on tray and dipping the tray for the desired time. Since shading of color is important, only a dozen or so petals are dyed at a time so that they may be watched carefully.

After dyeing they are of course rinsed immediately in cold water and then allowed to air dry. Stems and leaves that require a darker color are dyed in greater mass and left in the dye for a long period. If a two-tone effect is desired, the flowers are slightly sandblasted again at various places and this blasting makes the color appear slightly darker in the grooves in contrast with the lighter all-over shade.

#### Use of a concentrate dye

In contrast to the flower fabricator, whose chief aim is to get delicate transparent shades, a manufacturer of automobile parking lights must obtain a uniform dark red color in the lights in order to conform with state traffic regulations which specify the intensity of color required. To conform with these regulations, Mittan Mfg. Co., 2310 Third Ave., New York City, uses the Rez-N-Dye in concentrate form.

The two parking lights made by this manufacturer, the clamp-on and the drill-on models, are simple units which can be attached to front or rear auto fenders to provide an inexpensive parking or running light. A

THY dye plastics? Aside from the obvious reason of being able to get the exact shade desired through dyeing, there are many other advantages. There is no limit to the colors available. Two colors can be used instead of one. If a color goes out of style the dye may be removed with a cleaner and the object redyed, or the dye may be left and the product redyed with another color to get a third color. But the greatest advantage in the dyeing of plastics lies in the fact that fabricators need not carry a vast stock of different colored plastic materials and possibly have odds and ends of colors left over after a job is finished. Molders, who must buy molding powders by the barrel for economy's sake, are not faced with the storage problem of countless barrels or the problem of what to do with leftovers of various colors that are too small in quantity for economical runs.

For those molders and fabricators who must dye plastics, the chief problem has been the finding of a simple dye that could be used on all plastic materials. A number of companies have found the answer in Rez-N-Dye, a non-toxic cold-dip dye that requires no dilution or heating to impart a clear, transparent color. Dyeing consists of immersing an object in the dye for a short time and then rinsing with water. The intensity of the resulting color depends upon the time of immersion—an instant dip gives soft pastel shades while darker shades require up to 3 minutes. The Dye may be used on acrylic, cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, cellulose nitrate, ethyl cellulose, vinyls, some

<sup>1</sup> Product of Schwartz Chemical Co., Inc., 326 W. 70th St., N. Y. C.





block of Lucite is the means by which light is reflected from a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-ampere bulb. This block is grooved around the edges to help light reflection in the acrylic. Only one end of the acrylic block is red, that which will face the rear of the car—the other end is left clear. There can be no trace of red or pink running into the clear side of the acrylic; therefore, the line of dyeing must be true.

Mittan Mfg. Co. has set up an inexpensive assembly line for dyeing which produces as many as 260 dyed acrylic blocks an hour with only one pair of hands doing the dyeing. Twenty-four acrylic blocks are clamped in a jig which is turned upside down and lowered so that one-half of each block is immersed in dye—the level of the dye indicating the proper demarcation of clear and dyed parts. Dyeing time is from 3 to 5 sec. and a little agitating is necessary to keep bubbles from forming. Rinsing is eliminated when, as in this case, the concentrate dye has been used—a factor which naturally speeds up production.

In dyeing the acrylic blocks the manufacturer first ran into trouble because the light reflector grooves were extended completely around four sides of the block. When dye was applied it had a tendency to creep up the grooves and extend into the part of the block which was required to be clear. While experimenting in ways to control the creep, the company discovered that rising temperatures make the dye creep up the grooves and low temperatures (down to about 40°. F.) would stop this action. The light manufacturer, however, was interested only in eliminating this phenomenon without fussing with temperatures. It was finally accomplished by stopping the grooves where the dye was to stop and continuing them at a ½-in. distance from the dye line.

Further fabrication of the acrylic light piece—the drilling of a hole for the electric bulb and rivets and milling to the dimensions of the metal assembly—is done after dyeing. Many authorities on the subject would

advise against such a procedure because extra handling may lead to scratching the acrylic surface. But here, again, the manufacturer adopted this procedure to keep the dye from creeping around the edges of the hole. Incidentally, this fabricating has not caused surface scratches and the company believes a lot of fabricating could be done after dyeing. The driver using one of these auto lights need have no worry about the dye washing off since it has penetrated the acrylic block as much as 0.005 of an inch.

#### Coloring vinyl

By coloring Vinylite belts and wrist watch straps, Krasnow Co., 205 E. 18th St., New York City, puts additional eye appeal into its merchandise. Some items are given an all-over tint with cold-dip dye to obtain a clear, lustrous finish. Other items, belts in particular, are decorated with colored stripes applied with a striper machine.

Concentrate dye is used in the striper machine and the color is put on the underside of the belt. It is possible to apply as many different colored stripes as desired but each must be applied separately.

#### Mass coloring of buttons

The button industry is an outstanding example of a field that has benefited greatly from the use of cold-dip dyes. Using cold dyes, buttons can be mass dyed in a matter of seconds. Thousands of buttons can be put in a wire basket, dipped in the dye, stirred once or twice with a stick, rinsed in a tank of water, and dried in an oven or spread on a shelf to air dry. The dye takes evenly on all the buttons, does not cause them to stick together and will not remove surface sheen.

Brite Plastic Co., 56 Suffolk St., New York City, dyes acetate, cellulose nitrate, cast phenolic, and acrylic by the cold-dip method described above. The acrylic,



Artificial flowers show the soft graduated effects that can be achieved with cold-dip dyes. After forming, flowers like these of acrylic, are sandblasted, dipped, rinsed in cold water and allowed to dry thoroughly in the air

cellulose nitrate and acetate buttons are left in the dye for the same amount of time but cast phenolic buttons, because of their harder surfaces, must be left in longer.

Cold-dip dyes do not coat the plastic surface in coloring but swell the surface so that the dye penetrates. As soon as the rinse is applied, the plastic shrinks back to its original dimensions, trapping the color beneath its surface. Hard-surfaced plastics are, therefore, difficult or impossible to dye. With cast phenolic the Brite Co. leaves buttons in the dye about three times the average dyeing time and then only gets a pastel. Thermosetting plastics that are non-absorbent, nonfusible and non-soluble cannot be colored by cold-dip dyes.

#### Color fastness

In general, Rez-N-Dyes show excellent light stability on all plastic materials. However, the fastness of the dye is related to the plastic itself or a component or plasticizer used in the plastic. For instance, in testing for color fastness, the dye manufacturer placed cellulose acetate, acrylic and cellulose nitrate on the roof for a period of 10 weeks during the summer. Half of each plastic piece was masked off so that light could not reach that part. At the end of the test period, the exposed part of the cellulose acetate piece was unchanged as to color, the exposed acrylic had become lighter in the shade of color, the exposed cellulose nitrate had lost its color entirely.

#### Various methods of application

The ease with which the dye can be applied and the variety of dyeing methods that can be employed have added greatly to its popularity. It has already been seen that the concentrate can be applied by dipping or by striper machine. It can also be applied by hypodermic needle, brush or medicine dropper when it is necessary to get dyes into parts such as might be found on the decorative patterns for cigarette boxes and novelty items. One manufacturer of advertising signs whose plastic signs are too large for usual dyeing methods applies the dye by spraying it on with a hose and then spraying water by the same means as a rinse.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE FCC ORDER legalizing the use of industrial high frequency heating equipment has been prepared by Paul D. Zottu, chairman, S.P.I. Frequency Allocation Committee and is in S.P.I. Bulletin No. 263.

Under the new rules this equipment may operate with or without a license. Within these frequency bands, station license is not required:

Assigned band	Center frequency of channel	Band width of channel (from center frequency)
me.	me.	kc.
13.6525-13.6675	13.66	± 7.5
27.160-27.480	27.32	±160
40.960-41.000	40.98	± 20

Spurious and harmonic radiations must not exceed strength of 10 mc. per meter at a distance of one mile or more from radiating equipment.

A dated certificate setting forth conditions under which equipment should be operated and giving a guarantee of at least three years is required. If the Commission has reason to believe that operation is inconsistent with provisions set down or is a source of interference to radio communication, renewal of certification may be required.

A station license is not required for operation outside the frequency bands provided it is in accordance with general conditions of operation set out in the certificate. However, equipment must be operated so that omissions of radio-frequency energy generated by such operation, including spurious and harmonic omission will not exceed a strength of 10 mc. per meter at a distance of one mile from industrial heating equipment on unspecified frequencies.

A license is required for equipment which does not comply with above provisions.

# A high heat resistant polystyrene

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ALL PHOTOS AND CHART, COUNTERY MONSANTO CHEMICAL CO

HE PLASTICS industry has long exhibited interest in a low cost, high heat resistant thermoplastic molding material. Recognizing this fact, the Plastics Div. of Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Mass., has developed a modified polystyrene (Lustrex) with a heat distortion point of 87 to 88° C. (air bath) as compared to a heat distortion point of 78 to 80° C. for standard polystyrene. However, in most applications this new material has been found to withstand actual boiling for periods long enough to provide safe sterilization for most products.

In addition to possessing the higher heat distortion point, Lustrex has improved physical and molding properties. The flexural strength is 12,000 to 14,000 p.s.i. as compared to 10,000 to 12,000 p.s.i. for standard polystyrene. The flexural deflection in inches is 0.15 to 0.25 as compared to the standard 0.09 to 0.12. The impact strength has been raised to 3.2 to 3.6 ft. lb. per in. (unnotched) as compared to 2.2 to 3.5 in standard material. Molding cycle reductions of as much as 30 percent have been realized.

#### **Effects of Heat**

In a test of applications in existing molds the new material has been found by the manufacturer to be superior to standard polystyrene in many ways. Standard polystyrene spoons distorted badly and curled up after 10 min. boiling; modified polystyrene ones evidenced no apparent change in dimensions after 1 ½ hr. of boiling. In a comparison of molded tea strainers the regular material distorted badly after 6 min. while the new material was unchanged in the same period of time. On

cutlery handles molded of the modified styrene, there was no distortion after 20 min. boiling.

A dry heat comparison test was made on battery cases in which regular polystyrene failed after 1 hr. at 175° F. A modified polystyrene case was subjected to successive hours at 170, 180, 190, 200 and 210 °F. After the sixth hour (at 220° F.) this case started to distort.

Although this modified polystyrene can be boiled in a number of applications, it does not necessarily apply that it can be boiled in all instances. Development work has shown that boilability will depend on thickness of the piece, the position of the gate or gates and the concomitant strains set up in molding. By making the piece sufficiently thick and minimizing the strains,

The outstanding characteristics of this modified polystyrene include: Increased heat resistance and improved toughness as compared to standard polystyrene, low price, wide color range, excellent electrical properties, faster molding cycles, low water absorption and freedom from odor and taste.

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Informative labeling is an integral part of the materials manufacturer's plans for the promotion of this new high-heat resistant polystyrene. Labeling is especially important for parts molded of this material because only by boiling can they be distinguished from standard polystyrene

various shaped moldings of Lustrex can be made to resist boiling for periods up to and exceeding 1 hour. Thicknesses of ½ in. or more usually are helpful in realizing the full potentialities of this material. Although no visible distortion takes place while Lustrex is being boiled, some colors have a tendency to lighten considerably after immersion for prolonged periods. This difficulty which generally occurs only in light transparents or very dark opaques, is now being studied.

The added heat resistance and toughness of this modified polystyrene also brings it closer to Underwriters specifications than standard polystyrene. For example fluorescent tube holders molded of standard polystyrene fail after 16 hr. continuous exposure at 159° F., when a 12-oz. load is supported by two fixtures. In an identical test, with the same load, Lustrex performed satisfactorily for the same period of time at 203° F.

In addition, this modified polystyrene has been tried with marked success as insulation for condensers, transformers, resistors, for wall plug attachment caps, receptacles and connectors, battery cases, switch plates, radio cabinets. It is anticipated that a large percentage of the production of the new material will be applied to these uses. The properties required in a finished product should, however, be carefully considered so that the new high heat resistant polystyrene will be used to advantage where the 5 cent per lb. price differential is justified.

#### Molding differences

In addition to the improved heat resistance, the added toughness and the faster molding cycles resulting from this modified material are of importance. The greater toughness over the regular material varies from 10 to 50 percent depending on the property measured. For those applications where polystyrene is just on the borderline for toughness the new material will generally provide the required increment. Because of its tendency to set up at a higher temperature than polysty-

rene, it is possible to reduce the injection molding cycles by as much as 30 percent, depending upon the job. The speed-up in molding cycles will, in most cases, offset the slight added cost of the material.

In some instances where the pieces are thin and the molding cycles for standard polystyrene are in the range of 10 to 15 sec., no improvement in molding cycle time is noticeable. However, for molding thicker sections such as combs, cutlery handles, battery cases or other items of approximately the same thickness, molding cycles have been reduced as much as 30 percent.

Since the modified polystyrene has somewhat harder flow than regular polystyrene it is usually necessary to employ slightly higher heats. Depending on the job being run, temperature increases of 20 to 60° F., are required. However, in a number of instances in field tests in molders plants, it has been possible to employ the same heats and pressures as normally used for polystyrene. On a few occasions in these field tests it has been necessary to raise ram pressures by about 10 percent.

Wall sections on pieces molded from the new material can be the same as those for polystyrene. However, if molds are being designed for this material it is advisable to thicken the pieces as much as economically feasible.

Because of the material's additional toughness, occasionally a more fibrous cut is produced upon degating. However, this offers no serious problem since the molded pieces can be degated at somewhat higher temperatures immediately upon removal from the die.

Potentially, an unlimited color range is possible with this high heat resistant polystyrene. At present, because of a slight yellow haze in the material and limited production facilities, it is being produced only in a limited range of translucent and opaque colors. Eventually it will be available in same colors as Lustron.

This new material is the first high heat resistant thermoplastic to be produced without copolymerization. While in some respects it does not possess the qualities of styrene copolymers it has advantages over the latter.

Table I.-Properties Chart

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Property	Standard polystyrene	Lustrex <sup>a</sup>	Cerex 207 <sup>b</sup>
Molding quality	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Injection mold- ing temp. °F.	300-500	300-500	340-550
Injection mold- ing pressure,			
p.s.i.	10,000 and up	10,000 and up	10,000 and up
Specific gravity Flexural strength,	1.05	1.05	1.065
p.s.i. Flexural deflec-	10,000-12,000	12,000-14,000	12,000-14,000
tion, in. Impact strength, ft. lbs. per inch	0.09-0.12	0.15-0.25	0.15-0.25
(unnotched) Heat distortion	2.2-3.5	3.2-3.6	3.0-3.5
° C. (air bath)	78-80	87-88	101-103
Dielectric con- stant, 1 mega-			
cycle Power factor, 1	2.45-2.65	2.5-2.7	2.67
megacycle Water absorp-	0.0001-0.0003	0.0001-0.0005	0.0012
tion, % 24 hr.	0.03 - 0.04	0.04-0.05	0.21
Chemical resist- ance	No effect from bases Strong oxidizing	weak acids and	bases or strong
Solubility	Soluble in este	ers, acromatics, ols, chlorinated	Soluble in aromatic and chlor- inated hy- drocarbons
Clarity	Crystal trans- parent	Slight yellow haze	Light amber transparent
Color possibilities	Unlimited	Almost un- limited	Extensive

 $^a$  New polystyrene molding material produced by Monsanto Chemical Co.  $^b$  A high heat resistant copolymer of polystyrene produced by Monsanto Chemical Co.

The following applications of this new modified polystyrene have been successfully tried or are contemplated:

Strainers molded of this high heat resistant polystyrene have advantage of being able to withstand sterilization

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#### Household merchandise

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Combs, brushes	Tableware
Stove handles, knobs, plates	Buttons
Baby feeding dishes, mugs	Lamp shades
Thermos bottle cups, caps	Shower, faucet nozzles

#### Surgical and medical appliances

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Thermometer cases	Tongue depressors

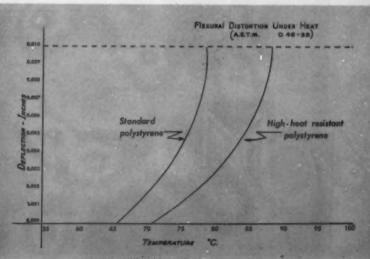
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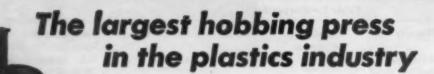
Milking machine parts	Clock, instrument parts
Plating masks	Toilet seats
Automotive lenses and trim	Textile equipment parts
Oil cups	Dome light shields
Small motor housings	Soda fountain equipment

While the assistance of technical service men can be readily obtained from the material's manufacturer in preparing for a run with this new material, or when problems are encountered, the materials manufacturer considers it even more essential that this service be supplied when new molds are under construction and it is contemplated using this material. Here the correct wall thicknesses and the proper positioning and size of the gates can assure the realization of the peak of the material's properties.

Lustrex is an excellent argument for the necessity of informative labeling. There is no way, short of a boiling test, to identify items made from this material from those made of standard polystyrene. The characteristic ringing sound with which polystyrene is identified is present in this new material in the same degree. For this reason Monsanto Chemical Co. is arranging with molders who are purchasing this material for informative labeling. As an example, the Plastic Metal Mfg. Company of Chicago, Ill., is employing a cardboard label which slips over the arm of tea strainers which are being produced (see page 128). Similar labels will appear on other items molded of this material.

The flexural distortion under heat, of standard and high heat resistant polystyrene, are presented in this chart





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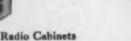
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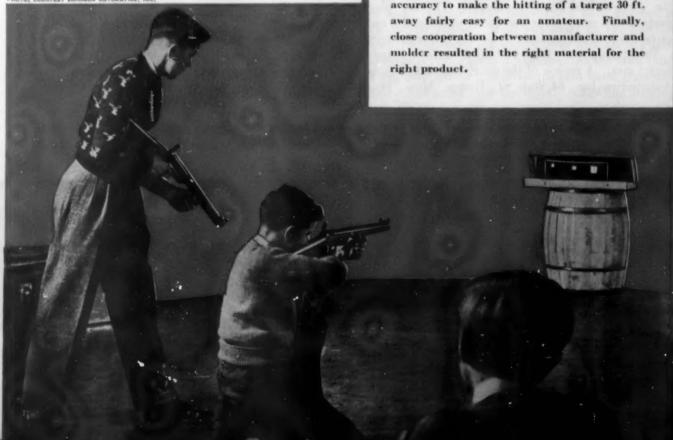
# Molding phenolic parts of target gun

THE AIR rifle has at last been eclipsed by a gun which is not only more accurate but at the same time is far less dangerous in the hands of a wild and wooly youngster. The projectile of this new gun, a small unfinished ball bearing approximately 0.176 in. in diameter—similar to the standard B-B—will only sting if the gun is discharged directly against or very close to the body. It may be discharged inside the house without causing damage unless a direct hit is made on the most fragile china or glassware. This is because the muzzle velocity of the projectile is only 90 to 100 ft. per second.

Even so, this indoor target gun has a phenomenal accuracy up to a distance of 30 feet. It is possible to take the average production gun and fire five shots inside the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in. X-ring of the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in. bull's eye on a standard paper target at a distance of 15 feet. In a standing

\* Reg. U. S. Patent Office.

When the idea of a safe and accurate indoor target gun was conceived, a considerable amount of research was conducted to determine the best material to use for the various parts of the gun. Intricacy of shape, weight, cost and precision were prime considerations. For three of the important parts, phenolics were found to meet all requirements. A gun with these three parts molded of plastic proved light enough for even a small boy to handle easily. And the two hand grips would not have been practical if they had been produced in any other material. Use of wood, for example, could have proved too expensive because of the more costly production methods and the waste which was involved. Too, the phenolic could be molded with sufficient accuracy to make the hitting of a target 30 ft. away fairly easy for an amateur. Finally, close cooperation between manufacturer and





position an expert has made 20 consecutive hits on the  $^{1}/_{r}$ in. steel spinner target that is provided in the set with the gun. It is even possible to light a kitchen match held at a distance of 10 to 12 ft. from the gun.

#### Three phenolic parts

Phenolic was considered the ideal material from which to produce three important parts of the gun. The entire stock, hand grips and complete lower portion of the gun, except for the butt plate, is a one-piece transfer molded phenolic part. The butt plate, molded in the same mold, is later assembled by means of thread-cutting screws. The third plastic part is the pellet carrier which is an intricate transfer molded piece. If wood had been used to produce the stock in one piece, great waste would have resulted from getting the necessary depth for the hand grips. Plastic alone could produce the grooves and handles cheaply. The non-plastic parts of the gun include two metal sights and a metal piece which would normally be the top half of the barrel.

Painstaking study went into the design of this indoor target gun. A review of the development by Johnson Automatics, Inc., 84 State St., Boston, Mass., proves

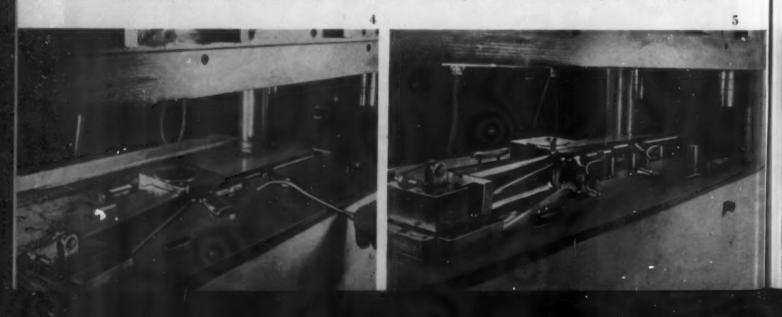
that a better new product is obtained when a group of requirements are first set up and then strictly adhered to.

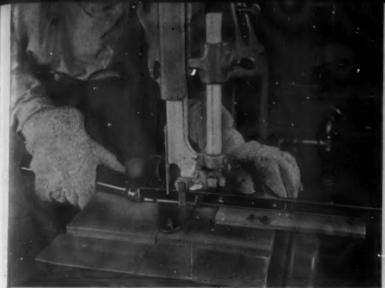
Near the end of the war, M. M. Johnson, Jr., president of the company, decided that there was a market for a type of gun which could be fired by anyone under any condition without inflicting death or serious bodily injury. At the same time, he felt that this gun should have the highest possible degree of accuracy. For this reason, fully adjustable front and rear sights which could be readily used for lateral as well as vertical adjustment were required. An asset to the company was experience gained from research and development work during the war for the National Defense Research Committee, Army and Navy Ordnance. This work ranged from caliber .30 automatic weapons up to 20 mm. aircraft cannon.

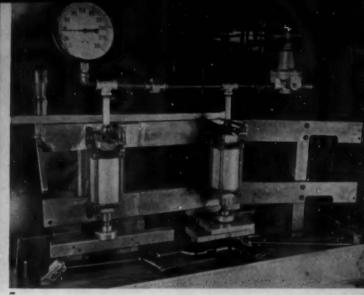
Before the final design of this new target gun was approved, research went through all the various type spring-actuated as well as air-actuated guns. These were eliminated partly on grounds of danger and because of the restrictive legislation in many states. A high powered air gun can be more dangerous than a .22 caliber rifle because the public considers the rifle a real

4—The mold for the gun stock has been partially opened so that the operator may blow out excess flash.

5—With the mold completely opened, gun stock and loose mold parts have been raised up by knockout pins







6-Here, an operator makes use of a band saw to remove the major portion of the gate. 7-Two air cylinders are used to impart required pressure for holding gun stock straight while it is in process of cooling

weapon but commonly thinks of an air gun as a toy. The biggest problem was to get a high degree of accuracy in a gun which did not have a rifle's barrel. Maximum accuracy in the average rifle is the result of rotating a shaped projectile. Ball bearings of 0.176 in. in diameter propelled by surgical rubber tubing were found to give a high degree of accuracy. A velocity of 90 to 100 ft. per second, which would cause no more than a sting, was adequate. The next requirement was a pellet carrier which would hold the pellets in place regardless of the angle of the gun. In the phenolic carrier which was approved, the surgical tubing is engaged with the carrier at all times. As the carrier is drawn back to the trigger during the cocking operation, the pellet is automatically placed in its loading seat in the carrier and at the same time the carrier is locked in the armed position by the trigger. Pressing the trigger releases the carrier and allows the pellet to drop into its discharge seat. The carrier then shoots forward along its track and discharges the pellet as the rubber tubing

The final design model of the gun was equipped with a wooden stock. This wooden stock along with working

decelerates the carrier.

drawings of the unit was submitted to Plastic Manufacturers, Inc., 280 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, Conn., for redesigning to a part that could be successfully molded.

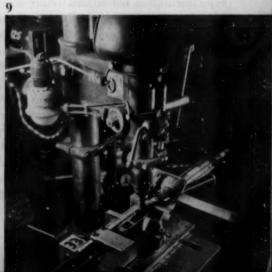
#### Three molds used for gun parts

The engineering department of molder, in cooperation with the engineers of the gun company agreed upon a final design and three transfer molds were produced. Two molds were designed which each produce a complete stock as well as a butt plate. The third mold was for the phenolic carrier. The hollowed-out gun butt necessitated the use of a removable core part which is taken out of the mold and then withdrawn from the butt portion of the stock.

The intricacy of the gun stock and butt plate molds as well as the large number of knock-out pins required to raise up the various movable mold parts can be seen in Fig. 5. A lever which is used as a hand grip can be seen at left center. With the mold in the position shown, the operator grasps this lever with his left hand and raises it into a vertical position. At the same time, the operator grasps one of the molded hand grips and removes the parts from the mold. All of the molding

8—All gun stocks are carefully checked for dimensional accuracy by means of jigs equipped with micrometer indicators. 9—The final accurate gate removing operation is performed in this automatic milling setup









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10—To drill three holes in the gun stock, a combination drill jig and fixture is employed. 11—The butt plate is assembled to the stock with thread cutting screws which are driven in by two air motors

surfaces of this mold were hard chrome plated in order to insure the best possible surface finish of the completed molded part.

#### Molding the gun stock

Three preforms of Durez cotton flock filled phenolic, weighing a total of 2.225 lb., that are required for the molding of the stock and butt plate, are preheated by high frequency for 45 sec., at which time the pills begin to smoke. With a mold temperature of 330° F., a total transfer and cure time of 2 min. and 35 sec. is required. Adding to this cure time the time required for opening and closing the mold and for scavenging, the total cycle for the molding of the stock and butt plate comes to approximately 4 minutes.

Conveniently located beside the press is a band saw with which the molder cuts away the biggest portion of the gate from the molded gun stock part. Fig. 6 shows this band saw setup. The operator places a portion of the stock against the guide plate as shown at the right and by sliding the stock from left to right, gets a straight and uniform cut. Later a milling operation removes the balance of the gate and machines a groove inside the stock.

The molded stock part is immediately placed in a cooling fixture, as shown in Fig. 7. It required days of experimentation before this fixture was adjusted to perform its job. Two air cylinders are used to raise and lower the movable portions of the clamping blocks and impart the required pressure for holding the gun stock in shape while it cools. These cylinders, coupled with a flat plate at the bottom of the fixture, control the left or right distortion of the part. A movable and adjustable clamp presses on the bottom of the front end of the stock to control the up and down warpage of this end of the part. In order to speed up this chilling operation, bottom plate is submerged in cold running water.

The gun stocks are next taken to the inspection department where they are gaged for straightness with two checking fixtures. One fixture (Fig. 8) makes use of two micrometer indicators which check the up and down warpage of the barrel end of the stock. The maximum permissible difference in level between the two micrometer indicator locations has been set at 0.032. Any additional warpage above this 0.032 would cause the metal portions of the gun to bend when they were being assembled.

#### Assembly of gun parts

All the molded parts—the butt plate and carriage as well as the stock-are next sent to plant No. 2 of this company where all finishing operations are performed. Figure 9 shows a milling setup for removing portions of the gate on the gun stock that were left after the initial rough cut and for accurately cutting a groove in the inside of the stock. The holding fixture for this setup is unique in that the travel is actuated by an air cylinder. The stock is clamped in position and the milling cutter lowered to its correct location, after which the operator causes the stock to travel from right to left at a predetermined rate of feed by merely operating an air valve. Three holes must be drilled in the gun stock. The engineering department of the molder has produced a combination drilling jig and fixture for this job. Figure 10 shows the stock mounted in position in its fixture with the operator's hand grasping an air-operated highspeed drill. This drill operates at an angle of about 30°.

After the third hole is completed, the operator withdraws the drill. Due to the fact that this drill is mounted on a hinged plate, it is possible for the operator to swing the drill back and make use of the larger vertically cutting drills. Both larger drills, one at the left and one at the right, are operated simultaneously by air cylinders.

Because of the fine finish obtained on this molded part, no buffing or polishing is necessary. Only a quick wipe with a soft rag is needed before parts are packed for shipment.



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# Friction cutting of plastics

by H. J. CHAMBERLAND

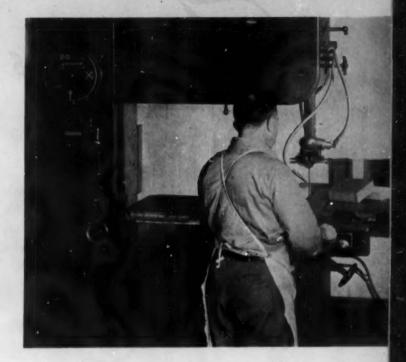
WITH continual development of new types of plastics which can be fabricated, technicians have had to find new ways of cutting these plastics efficiently. The introduction of the high velocity technique a few years ago had a great effect in speeding the fabrication of plastics by the band saw method. With the recent application of the friction sawing technique—common to the metal industry—for the cutting of ceramic plastics, still another advance has been made.

Primarily, it should be understood that high speed sawing and friction sawing are two distinct methods of separating materials. The high velocity technique is simply an improved form of sawing within the low or conventional speed range. Saw speed must decrease with any substantial increase in material thickness and the fundamental rule of chip production that friction generates heat and heat destroys temper cannot be ignored. Thickness of a plastic or other type of material is limited only by capacity height of the machine and heat must be kept at a minimum by applying the proper saw control factor in each instance.

When sawing highly abrasive plastics at low speeds, even the highest grade of hardened tooth blading is of short duration. Thus, the high velocity technique so effective on most plastics is obviously out of the question. Friction sawing is unquestionably the solution and results prove that increased saw life, lower tool cost and high cutting rates more than compensate for method's main fault—material thickness limitation.

When friction sawing, the hardness of the material is of no consequence because the band, which often revolves at 3 miles per min. when cutting steel, softens the material directly in front of the saw teeth through friction from work pressure. In contrast to actual sawing which can be done profitably only as the teeth remain sharp, friction sawing requires dull teeth. For this reason, a new band reaches its peak efficiency only after a 20-min. period of cutting. A 1-in. thickness limitation is considered practical in friction sawing. This is because an increase in material thickness requires an increase in velocity to generate additional heat. Excessive work pressure which would destroy a new saw immediately if operated at conventional speed on hard materials is imperative when friction sawing.

The efficiency of friction sawing technique as applied



This 1-in, thick resin bonded ceramic plastic slab is being friction sawed at a saw velocity of 10,000 f.p.m. The cutting rate is around 12 lineal in, per minute

to ceramic plastics can be seen in Table I (given below).

Does friction sawing require a special type of band, or if such terrific heat has to be generated how can the teeth resist the severe strains? These are frequent inquiries and they are answered thus: friction sawing does not require a special type of band so much as a unique method by which it is heat treated. Any high-grade metal-cutting band of 10, 14 or 16 pitch can be used.

It is a fact that the cutting edges must be rounded out to friction cut efficiently but the teeth must retain their set if heat is to be generated directly in front of the teeth rather than the sides. A band with teeth having a hardness extending to the bottom of the gullets, but not beyond, will resist days of cutting on the most abrasive plastics. Ample flexibility at proper place is the answer.

As to why heat has no effect on the teeth, the reason is very clear. The bands used with friction sawing machines are usually about 255 in. long. If 14 pitch, there are 3570 teeth in the band. Although the band revolves at super high speeds, the teeth are in contact with the material only an infinitesimal part of a second so as the long band travels over the 36-in. wheels, the heat is dissipated before a tooth reenters the plastic.

Table I.—Friction Cutting Rates on Ceramic Plastics with a 1/2-In. Wide 14-Pitch Band<sup>a</sup>

Material thickness	Saw velocity	Cutting rate
in.	ft. per mi.	lineal in. per min
3/16	4000- 5,000	20-30
1/4	5000- 6,000	15-25
1/2	6000- 7,000	12-20
1	8000-10,000	6-15

Ceramic plastics are identified as Mycalex, Lamicoid, Micabond and similar materials.

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# What to look for in high frequency heat

O MOST processors of plastics the buying of high frequency heat sealing equipment is an ordeal. On the one hand these prospective purchasers are prone to expect miracles of this equipment rather than the substantial increases in production and reductions in costs that are reasonable. On the other hand they have little idea of the how and why of the machine's operation and are made wary by reports of the purchase of expensive equipment that proved to be poorly engineered, clumsily constructed and totally unsuited for the projected plastic fabricating job.

This article is designed to bring the expectations of purchasers of high frequency heat sealing machinery to a sound foundation and, at the same time, to point out the major factors regarding these units that should be checked prior to purchase to insure both the efficient operation of the machine and its adaptability to the job in hand. Most of the points that will be brought out are common-sense criteria that can be applied by anyone primed by the information contained in this article covering initial and production costs and various construction elements of the machine.

#### What is a high frequency sealer?

A high frequency heat sealing unit is simply a production tool which, when applied to two thicknesses of plastic film, cloth or strip welds or seals them together, in conformity with the shape of the electrode or die, to form a finished product or some component of a product.

Equipment of this type may be used upon all types of vinyl and upon almost every other type of thermoplastic material. Familiar end products that are produced with heat sealers are raincoats, tablecloths, handbags, shower curtains, inflated toys, pillow case covers, belts, baby pants, beachballs, all types of protective jackets and many other items.

Heat sealing is capable of producing a better and less expensive seal between two thicknesses of thermoplastic sheet, and at a faster rate, than is any other method. The truth of this fact is perhaps best substantiated by a few case histories.

There is, for example, the manufacturer who originally produced baby pants by chemically sealing two sheets of vinyl film using heat and pressure. Using this method he required 12 workers to maintain a production rate of 250 dozen pants a day. But within three days of the installation of a high frequency heat sealer this man reached his old production of 250 dozen but he found that he needed only two workers as compared to the 12 formerly employed.

Then there is the case of the belt manufacturer who

used 11 sewers to turn out 10 gross of plastic belts a day. Loose thread ends were burned off at a searing table with a resultant 6 percent spoilage. A heat sealing machine, operated by three unskilled workers, now produces 25 to 35 gross a day with virtually no spoilage.

A third manufacturer upon purchase of a high frequency unit went into the production of inflated toys—items which previously could not be made permanently water tight or strong enough for a child to handle. Now, with two machines and four workers this producer is turning out 8000 inflated ducks, alligators, turtles and fish each day.

#### What about costs?

From the case histories cited above it would seem self-evident that reduced costs are a natural corollary to the installation of heat sealing equipment. While this is true of properly engineered installations a prospective purchaser of this machinery must consider carefully all elements of cost—initial and operating—to be sure that his products and production plans lend themselves to this equipment and that these costs can be economically amortized.

#### **Initial costs**

This first cost consideration includes not only the expense of the heat sealing equipment itself but the costs involved in its installation and the number of accessories that must be purchased before the manufacturer can get under way.

Primary equipment—The cost of primary equipment, that is, the complete unit ready for production, may run anywhere from \$850 to \$10,000, depending upon the product to be sealed, the production rate desired and the make of unit that is purchased. It is important to know that some manufacturers offer the whole works—generator, press and the dies tailored to the requirements of the purchaser. Others simply manufacture the generator and supply plans for the remaining parts—press and dies.

Installation—As for the installation costs, the prospective purchaser should make the inquiries which are listed below. These may be overlooked by a purchaser because of their seeming unimportance in comparison to other considerations.

1. What type current, and of what voltage, is required. Will an expensive new electrical installation be needed or can the machine be plugged into a standard electric line?

# sealing equipment

2. Can the unit be moved through ordinary roomsize doors and is it of a size to fit available space in the plant? Or will rebuilding be necessary?

#### Operating costs

Then arises the need for knowing the type of labor needed and extent of repairs to which an owner is liable.

Labor—As a practical working rule it may be said that the ordinary unskilled worker should be able to learn how to operate a high frequency heat sealing unit at a production rate after a half hour of instruction. As for the training, some machine companies provide instruction for key personnel and those responsible for the operation. The exact arrangements should be determined at the time of purchase or there is danger that the unit will stand around useless or be harmed by uninformed employees.

The labor question is closely related to the way in which the machine operates. For example, are all the working controls conveniently set within easy reach or will precious production time be wasted because of extra steps and motions necessary to the units proper functioning? Is the machine built for standing or sitting operation? This question has more bearing on costs than appears on the surface since fatigue can be as great an obstacle as antiquated tools.

Repairs—Repairs, the second element to be considered in estimating operating costs, can be a considerable factor. It is therefore important that the prospective purchaser determine whether the machine is guaranteed. If so, against what and for how long a period of time. Can the buyer look to the machine manufacturer for rapid repairs if necessary? Can the machine manufacturer make new dies or electrodes when they are needed or will he serve only as a consultant?

Safety—Another key element that should be ascertained prior to the purchase of a high frequency heat sealing unit is whether its construction affords the maximum safety to the operator and the surroundings. Whether or not a machine fills this desirable requirement is an index to its efficient design.

Safety for the operator consists mainly of a construction that minimizes the possibility of high frequency burns and injuries from the press. This is best accomplished by construction which makes it necessary for the operator to have his hands elsewhere when the power is on and by having all the power carrying lines and vehicles protected. Injuries by the press can be avoided by having its control independently handled.

Safety for surroundings is insured by a machine

#### by PHILIP WEISS\*

Points to be checked before buying are: material being used, production requirements, cost picture as it relates to initial and operating expenses and the construction of generator, press, electrodes

construction which makes use of such non-combustible materials as glass, steel, copper, plastic. This type of protection is also heightened by completely contained electrical parts which cannot be touched. It is desirable that the whole unit be separately fused so as to protect the machine and, at the same time, guard against stoppage of other production on the same line because of a blow-out of the main fuse.

#### Construction elements to be checked

No matter what the appearance of a high frequency heat sealing unit it must be composed of three parts:

- 1. The generator, which translates AC electrical current into high frequency.
- 2. The press, which transmits the high frequency to the die or electrode.
- 3. The electrode or die, which applies the high frequency to the parts of the plastic material that are to be sealed. In addition the machine must have at least a minimum of essential controls.

#### The generator

The generator is the heart of the high frequency unit. Its satisfactory operation revolves around the harmonious operation of three distinct parts: the power supply circuit which boosts and rectifies your regular line current to satisfy the voltage and current requirements of the tube; the tube—or oscillator circuit—which converts this electrical power to high frequency; and the output circuit which conveys the high frequency to the jigs and dies.

The generator must be electrically stable. If, it is to comply with the proposed Federal Communications commission rules and regulations it must operate on the frequency assigned to all industrial electronic heating equipment—27.32 megacycles  $\pm 1/2$  of 1 percent.

Electrical stability is not simply a legal requirement. It is, in addition, an efficient factor which can spell the difference between a wasteful and a worth-while machine. An unstable generator which shifts off

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frequency loses the power which should be directed into your job and increases the time necessary for each separate weld.

Satisfied as to frequency, the next point to check is whether the generator's "innards" are rigidly constructed. The question here, answerable by examination, is whether normal factory movement of the machine will upset coils, condensers, transformers and wire connections. Are all parts ruggedly constructed, cleanly soldered, firmly connected? Should factory jostling affect any of the parts or connections it would result in a waste of electrical efficiency, or expensive production stoppage.

A third factor to determine is whether the machine is over- or under-rated. In other words, has the manufacturer built his machine to withstand rigors of operation beyond those it might reasonably be expected to meet?

While this might be difficult for someone electronically uninitiated to ascertain, there are some useful tip-offs which can be elicited by questioning. Will the unit stand 24 hr. continuous operation? Are the tubes rated by their manufacturer to meet the voltage and current fed into them by the generator, or are they straining under a harmful burden which will wear them out quickly and cause them to break down at a critical moment in production.

#### The press

The press is essentially a conveyor which applies the electrodes to the plastic. Because it is the part which will bear the greatest mechanical burden in operation it should be virtually indestructible.

The most important parts of the press are the mechanics by which it is motivated, the plunger, the (die) holder and the bed where work is done.

As a safety factor the press should be motivated independently of the generator. The power most generally used is air. All attachments related to this phase—cylinder, hand or foot valve, speed valves,

pressure regulator, etc.—should be sturdily constructed to insure trouble-free operation and long life.

The main sign of an efficient plunger is its ability to convey the high frequency electrode (or die) to the plastic evenly so that the die hits absolutely parallel to the bed. For that reason the plunger must be machined so that it has an absolute minimum of tolerance on any of its sides, better than 0.001 inch.

A poorly built plunger will allow one side of the die to reach the plastic a split second ahead of the other. The result is an inferior seal and probably an arc, thus ruining the material being sealed.

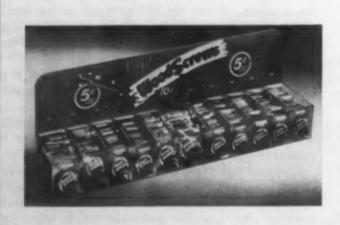
It is also essential that the electrode holder which is attached to the plunger be milled perfectly so as to deliver the electrode perfectly flat upon the bed. It should be capable of holding any size or shape electrode and not require over a minute to change electrode.

For best results, the bed should be made from the finest cold rolled steel, ground true, and should be at least 1/2 in. thick. If you are working with 0.002-in. thick material and your bed is off 0.001 there is already a 50 percent error which would prevent a good seal.

#### The electrode

The point of most frequent failure in electronic heat sealing is at the electrode (or die). The electrode in every case except straight "bar" shape welding must be constructed for the particular job in order that it efficiently apply high frequency at the points and in the shapes required. And it must be constructed to do so at a production rate.

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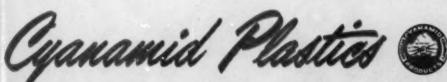
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### The effect of pH on the reactivity of resorcinol resins

by PHILIP H. RHODES\*

HE interest in resorcinol resins reached a high peak during the war years. Previously, studies of this type of resin were sketchy, and correlated data for the most part were unavailable.

The earlier references on the reaction between resorcinol and formaldehyde indicated the extreme tendency for the two to combine even at relatively low temperatures and in the absence of any catalyst. 1,2,3,4,5 The initial trend of these experiments was directed to a first hand study of the reactivity to determine the validity of the references. It was found that when resorcinol and formaldehyde containing less than 0.2 percent of free formic acid were slowly warmed, a violent exothermic reaction set in at about 80° C. and did not terminate until all the aldehyde had been reacted. In the presence of a fractional percentage of either acid or alkaline catalysts, the reaction mixture became strongly exothermic without the application of any heat whatsoever. On the other hand, when mixtures of catalysts were employed to buffer the reaction mixture in the vicinity of pH 4.5 to 5.0, the reaction smoothed out to a steady combination of the reactants with the exothermic tendencies reduced to a minimum.

Early references were directed to the production of one-slage or one-slep thermosetting resins. These terms are used to indicate resins which have been prepared from more than one mol of formaldehyde for each mol of phenolic body and which cure upon the application of heat. The manufacture of one-stage resins from resorcinol and formaldehyde has been investigated. During these experiments the use of catalysts buffering in the 4.5 to 5.0 pH range was tried because of the slower reaction velocity under these conditions. However, under this acidic pH an insufficient amount of

formaldehyde was tied up to make a thermosetting resin. When one-stage reactions were tried under neutral or alkaline conditions, the mass went to the insoluble state on standing for a few hours or days. Reactions of this type are discussed in the Novotny patents.1, 2 The work was finally abandoned in favor of other projects and a one-step resin was not produced.

#### Room temperature setting resin

Sometime later, interest centered in the development of a resin adhesive capable of setting at room temperature. In view of the earlier work, it was decided that the previously reported speed of the reaction at low temperatures could be utilized in an adhesive for room temperature use. Such a product was particularly desired by the aircraft industry, at that time starting the large scale production of wooden aircraft parts. The existing room temperature setting resin adhesives were considered to have certain weaknesses which it was desired to overcome. Among these were the tendency to craze in heavy glue lines, the lack of durability under tropical conditions of high heat and humidity, and the deteriorating effect of the acid catalysts then employed on cellulosic materials adjoining glue lines.

In reexamining the earlier laboratory work, it was noted that several attempts had been made to make a one-step resin by a two-stage reaction; that is, a resorcinol-formaldehyde resin containing 2/8 mol of reacted formaldehyde for each mol of the resorcinol was reacted further with additional formaldehyde. In each instance it was recorded that the materials immediately reacted with considerable evolution of heat and formed a completely setup mass which was infusible. It was determined to follow up this reaction in an attempt to control it at room temperatures and thus produce an improved adhesive.

It should be pointed out that although the first two-

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<sup>\*</sup>President, Anodes Industrial Copy 1 U. S. patent 1,767,696—Novotny. 4 U. S. patent 1,849,109—Novotny. 2 U. S. patent 1,889,751. 4 Br. patent 321,697. 5 U. S. patent 1,147,264.

Table I.—Properties of Resorcinol Resins Made with Varying Amounts of Sodium Hydroxide as Catalyst (Ratio of formaldehyde to resorcinol in the resin was 0.67:1.0)

Calalyst	S.icking point	pH of 50% aqueous solution
	° G.	
None	106	2.96
0.2% NaOH	103	5.11
0.4% NaOH	103	5.78
0.6% NaOH	104	6.23
0.8% NaOH	105	6.51
1.0% NaOH	107	6.65
1.2% NaOH	110	6.90
1.4% NaOH	112	7.04
1.6% NaOH	114	7.11

step or permanently fusible resorcinol resins were made using acide catalysts similar to those employed in making phenolic molding compound resins, the later work had developed methods for making permanently fusible resins using alkaline catalysts such as sodium and potassium hydroxide. Such reactions, particularly when using 1 or 2 percent of the alkali, with phenol and formaldehyde result in a gel; but with resorcinol and formaldehyde the reaction is very smooth and brittle, permanently-fusible resins are produced. It seemed advisable to investigate the rate of reactivity of the two-step resins with added formaldehyde under varying pH conditions. The ease of forming clear water mixtures of resorcinol resins facilitated this study.

Resorcinol resins having less than 0.85 mol of formal-dehyde for each mol of resorcinol are quite miscible with water, but it is felt erroneous to state that they are water soluble. For example, a resin having a pH of about 1.9 to 2.0 will form a clear liquid with an equal weight of hot water. When cold the liquid is still clear and will stand dilution with water until the mixture comprises about 70 percent water and 30 percent resin, at which time there is considerable curdy precipitate formed. As the pH of the resin becomes more neutral, the amount of water which a 50 percent solution will take on dilution without precipitating becomes greater, so that when pH is about 6, solution may be diluted to 3 to 4 percent resin solids before it becomes milky.

It would seem that by varying the amount of alkaline

Table II.—Properties of Resins Made with Varying Ratio of Formaldehyde and Resorcinol, Employing 1 Percent Sodium Hydroxide Catalyst

Ratio of formaldehyde to resorcinol	Sticking point	pH of 50% aqueous solutions
	° C.	
0.50:1.0	69	6.62
0.55:1.0	75	6.63
0.60:1.0	82	6.55
0.65:1.0	104	6.69
0.70:1.0	111	6.56
0.75:1.0	131	6.59

or acid catalyst employed, the resulting resins would vary in properties, but it has been determined that variations are all induced by the difference in pH due to the proportion of catalyst used. However, the melting points are more a function of the proportion of formaldehyde employed than the catalyst used. This is shown by sticking points given in Tables I and II.

#### Preparation of resorcinol resins

A series of resins were prepared using varying amounts of sodium hydroxide as catalyst, the method of preparation being that described in U.S. patent 2,385,372. The resorcinol was placed in a laboratory kettle and a portion of the formaldehyde was added. The reaction mass was warmed until the exothermic reaction started and then heating was stopped. When the mixture had stabilized at reflux temperature, the balance of the formaldehyde was added in a thin stream at a rate sufficient to maintain the reflux. Upon completion of the aldehyde addition, the desired amount of catalyst was introduced and the mixture was refluxed for a few minutes more. Then the reaction product was dehydrated by distillation, first at atmospheric temperature and then under vacuum until the brittle resin poured off at the end of the run contained about 0.5 percent water.

The ratio of reactants, catalyst, the sticking point of the resin and the pH of a 50 percent aqueous solution are given in Table I. The sticking point was determined with a one-inch-square copper bar, heated by a cartridge-type heating element inserted in one end and controlled by a Variac. Thermometer wells every inch were used to indicate the temperature, which varied about 2° C. per inch. The finely powdered resin was dusted onto the hot bar and a fine camel's hair brush was used to brush it off. The point at which the brush failed to dislodge the powdered resin was considered to be the sticking point.

The pH was determined using a 50 percent aqueous solution of the resin, prepared by adding 50 grams of resin to 50 grams of distilled water, bringing the mixture up to boiling, and then cooling to room temperature. The pH was determined using a Beckman meter carefully standardized before each determination.

The data shown in Table I indicate the effect which the amount of sodium hydroxide has on the pH of the sample resin. An equation was set up empirically to cover this relationship for the particular case where the molar ratio of formaldehyde to resorcinol was 0.67 to 1.0. The equation is:

$$pH = 4.7 \left[ \frac{1000 \text{ NaOH}}{\text{resorcinol}} \right]^{0.155}$$

where NaOH and resorcinol are the weight in grams that are used.

In Table II it is shown that the pH remains practically constant when the amount of catalyst is maintained at 1.0 percent, while varying the ratio of formal-dehyde to resorcinol. It is further demonstrated in this table that the sticking point (*Please turn to page 238*)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U. S. patent 2,385,370—Arthur J. Norton.
<sup>7</sup> U. S. patent 2,385,372—P. H. Rhodes.

### Acrylate polymers in Germany

Methyl acrylate-Methyl acrylate monomer is made continuously by the interaction of ethylene cyanohydrin, sulfuric acid and methyl alcohol (Fig. 1). The reaction is carried out in vessel A which is lead-lined and is jacketed for steam heating. When starting up, 150 liters of methyl alcohol (86 percent) is run in and vaporized, filling the column B. This column is 8 m. high and 60 cm. internal diameter. It is made of iron and is lined first with rubber, then with porcelain tiles cemented on with Asplit. The tower is packed with ceramic Raschig rings approximately 25 mm. long with outside diameter 25 mm. When the tower is filled with alcohol vapor, 78 percent sulfuric acid is added near the top of the column at the rate of 230 l. per hour. Five minutes after starting the sulfuric acid addition, ethylene cyanohydrin (90 percent) is added at the rate of 120 l. per hr. at the same level.

The temperature in the lower vessel A is 148 to 150° C. and when the plant is operating properly this vessel should contain 2600 to 2800 kg. This level is determined by differential pressure. A constant pressure of hydrogen is applied and as the volume increases the increase in pressure inside the vessel corresponding to the increase in volume  $\epsilon$  be read on a manometer which thus warns the operator who runs off the excess to waste when the desired volume is exceeded. When the plant is running properly, methyl alcohol (86 percent) at the rate of 135 l. per hr. is run into the vessel A and is there vaporized. It passes up column B, down which sulfuric acid and cyanohydrin are circulating. Methyl acrylate, dimethyl ether and a little formaldehyde are formed.

These vapors, together with water vapor and methyl alcohol, pass into a dephlegmator C running at 78° C. The dephlegmator tubes are of copper and the bottom is of lead. This dephlegmator removes any cyanohydrin and sulfuric acid spray and effects partial separation of some water.

The vapors are blown by hydrogen (preferred) or nitrogen through a copper pipe D to the bottom of a second vessel E lined with lead in a similar fashion to the first. This vessel contains 2000 liters of water at a temperature of 95° C. This vessel E is fitted with a column F which is 6 m. long and 60 cm. diameter, lined the same as column B and fitted with ceramic rings. Water at 75° C. and at the rate of 400 to 500 l. per hr. is fed into the top of column F which is fitted with a copper tube dephlegmator G kept at 55° C. Copper is used, as it is an antipolymerization catalyst. Stabilizer (methylene blue: 10 kg. per 50 tons water) is added intermittently at the top of column F.

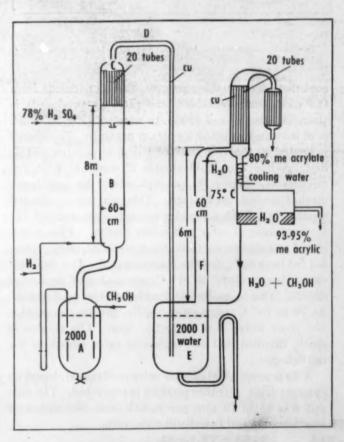
The methyl alcohol is washed out in E and further separated in F and G; the wash water containing 3 to

5 percent methyl alcohol is drawn off from E continuously and discarded. The distillate from the dephlegmator G consists of 80 percent methyl acrylate with water, methyl alcohol and methyl ether. This distillate is washed by a batch operation in a column similar to F and 90 percent crude ester (25 percent of the total ester) is produced. The condensate from column F is cooled and run to a separating tank, where it is separated into water and methyl alcohol with 93 to 94 percent methyl acrylate (75 percent of total ester) as top layer. The distillate and the condensate are stored in the tanks separately.

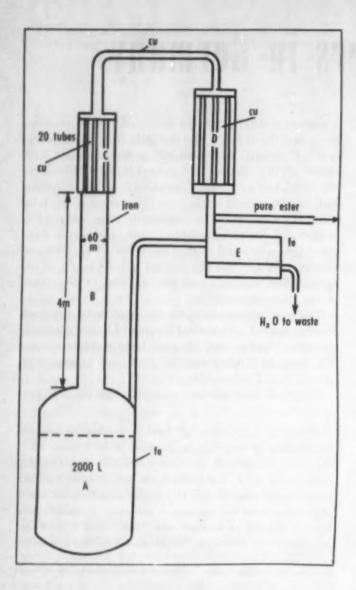
The storage containers for the crude ester are leadlined or coated with several layers of Luphen (phenolic resin base) and stored. Luphen lasts about two years. The grade of Luphen used is: first coat, Luphen AM; second coat, Luphen AW.

The crude ester mixture which is made up of 75 per-

1—Plant for production of methyl acrylate monomer. Significance of lettering on diagram is as follows: A is the reaction vessel; B, the tower into which passes alcohol vapor from A; C, a dephlegmator which effects partial separation of some water; D, a copper pipe through which vapors are blown by hydrogen or nitrogen; E, vessel where methyl alcohol is washed out; the vessel F and dephlegmator G, where methyl alcohol is further separated



<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Investigation of German plastics plants. Part I," by G. M. Kline, J. H. Rooney, J. W. C. Crawford, T. Love and F. J. Curtis. This is PB 949.



2-Bath distillation of methyl acrylate monomer

cent distillate and 25 percent washed condensate from the continuous reactor (same ratio as produced) is charged in batches of 2000 l. to vessel A (Fig. 2) which is of iron and jacketed for steam heating. The charge is heated so that the bulk of the methyl ether distills first. When the dephlegmator C runs at 68° C., a mixture containing 80 percent ester, the rest being methyl alcohol, is obtained. This mixture is collected separately. With a dephlegmator temperature of 72° C. a mixture of ester and water distills. This is collected in a separating tank, the water with methyl alcohol fed back to E, and the ester recycled. At a dephlegmator temperature of 74° C. some alcohol and ester distills; this is washed and added to the next charge. At 74 to 76° C. pure ester distills. When the ester is free from water it is perfectly clear. The residue is steam distilled and the separated ester added to the next charge.

A 75 percent yield of pure ester is obtained, based on cyanohydrin; no other product is recovered. The output was 65 to 70 tons per month from one monomer reaction unit and two distillation units.

Ethyl acrylate—The production of ethyl acrylate is carried out in the same type of plant as is used for making the methyl ester. The process is the same up to the production of the first two fractions of crude ester, introducing ethyl alcohol at the rate of 180 l. per hour. These are not treated separately as in the case of the methyl ester but are distilled in a column packed partly with Raschig rings and partly with bubble cap plates. The crude ester is fed into the column at a point 4.5 m. from the evaporator. The temperature of the entering crude ester is 65° C. The evaporator A is heated to give a temperature in the liquid of 100° C. Diethyl ether distills and passes at 34 to 35° C. to a condenser C. Part of the diethyl ether is recycled to the top of the tower to cool the ascending vapors. Ethyl acrylate, water and alcohol azeotropes are taken off at a point 6 m. from the evaporator and transferred to a washing unit of the same type as already described (Fig. 1). The washed ester, freed from alcohol, is fed back to the column. This ester then enters at the 4.5 m. point.

Purified ester (98 to 99 percent) collects in the evaporator from whence it is transferred at the rate of 300 to 400 l. per hr. to a storage tank D and then pumped at 95° C. to the top of a final distillation column F. This column is packed with ceramic Raschig rings. The temperature in the evaporator E is  $165^{\circ}$  C. Pure ethyl acrylate distills at a temperature of 98 to  $99^{\circ}$  C. The residue in the evaporator is composed of high boiling liquids (ethyl oxypropionate, etc.) containing in solution any polymer which may have formed. When the concentration of polymers becomes such that the temperature in the evaporator cannot be held at  $165^{\circ}$  C., the residue is discarded.

The yield of ethyl acrylate calculated on ethylene cyanohydrin is 78 to 80 percent. Three units are installed at Ludwigshafen and are undamaged. The output per unit is 75 tons per month. There is one distillation unit with an output of 10 tons per day. Ethyl alcohol is recovered to the extent of 25 to 30 percent of the alcohol introduced. Diethyl ether is also produced (10 tons ether per 100 tons ester).

Acrylic acid—Acrylic acid is produced as a 50 percent aqueous solution. The process is carried out continuously in a vessel lined with lead or enamel. Sulfuric acid and ethylene cyanohydrin are mixed and run in through a lead pipe, the end of which is turned up. Rate of addition is 100 l. cyanohydrin and 110 l. 78 percent sulfuric acid per hour. The reaction vessel has a capacity of 2000 l. and should always contain a charge of 800 to 1000 kg. This is controlled by a differential pressure gage operated by hydrogen. The vessel is steam jacketed and the contents are heated to 175° C. Live steam is blown into the bottom of the reaction mixture. This steam provides the agitation required and the amount is so regulated that the distillate is a 50 percent solution of acrylic acid. The distillate is condensed and stored in tanks lined with Vinidur. The residue in the (Please turn to page 230)



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the general formula  $H(CF_2)_nCl$  is also obtained. Members from  $C_2$  to  $C_{14}$  were isolated. They are all nontoxic and chemically stable and, with the exception of  $H(CF_2)_2Cl$ , are new compounds. Another series, the cyclic perfluorides, is also obtained. These are  $C_2F_6$ ,  $C_4F_2$  and  $C_5F_{10}$ , also relatively inert and nontoxic compounds. In addition, a third series is obtained. Six compounds present in small amounts were isolated. They are all extremely toxic and have been tentatively identified as fluorochloromethylcyclopropanes.

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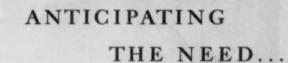
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SILICONE RESINS IN PROTECTIVE AND DECORATIVE FINISHES.
J. R. Patterson. Official Digest Federation Paint Varnish Production Clubs No.
258, 281–90 (1946). Silicone resins are used to modify alkyd and urea resins to increase heat and chemical resistance. The weathering resistance is outstanding. Gloss, hardness, adhesion and toughness need improvement. Resistance to aromatic solvents is poor.

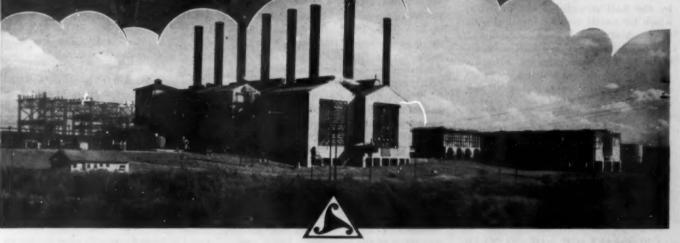
PAINT AND VARNISH RE-MOVERS. M. A. Lesser. Soap Sanit. Chemicals 22, No. 6, 153-5, 159 (1946). Formulations of paint and varnish removers are reviewed; 41 references.

VISCOSITIES OF SOLUTIONS OF CELLULOSE ACETATE IN SOLVENT-PRECIPITANT MIXTURES. S. G. Weissberg and R. Simha. J. Colloid Sci. 2, 305–6 (Apr. 1947). The viscosities of dilute solutions of cellulose acetate fractions in acetone-methanol mixtures at 10, 25 and 35 °C. are reported and discussed.



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### Technical Briefs

Abstracts of articles on plastics in the world's scientific and engineering literature relating to properties and testing methods, or indicating significant trends and developments.

#### Engineering

PLASTICS STANDARDIZATION.
W. D. Owen. British Plastics 19, 48–55
(Feb. 1947). The organization of the group in the British Standards Institution charged with the preparation of specifications on plastics is explained. Two types of specifications are being prepared. Type 1 is based on applications and Type 2 on chemical composition. Provisions are made for coordination between industry groups and for a certification plan based on marking by the manufacturer.

FUNDAMENTALS OF TACKINESS AND ADHESION. J. J. Bikerman. J. Colloid Sci. 2, 163-75 (Feb. 1947). The importance of "molecular" and "rheological" forces on different stages of making and breaking adhesive joints is compared. Adhesives usually are applied in liquid form, and the perfection of the contact between the adhesive and the solids to be joined depends above all on the wetting power of the liquid toward the solids. This wetting power is primarily a "molecular" phenomenon. The resistance which must be overcome to separate two solids joined by a liquid adhesive is tackiness. Its mechanism is purely rheological. and tackiness is a function of viscosity. When, in the course of its setting, the viscosity of an adhesive becomes very high, the resistance to separation is still rheological, but is smaller than would be expected from the viscosity. Some new experiments concerning this intermediate region between tackiness and final strength are reported. When the adhesive has set, the resistance to separation is determined by the final strength of the adhesive, which for tensile tests, is identical with the tensile strength of the adhesive film of the given thickness; the final strength, too, is a rheological property. The experiments which are claimed to prove disagreement between final strength and tensile strength are given a different interpretation. The rupture occurs usually within the set adhesive, not between the adhesive and a solid, and consequently molecular forces are not involved in the determination of final strength, probably because of the universal roughness of solid surfaces. Eighteen references.

#### Chemistry

CROSS-LINKAGE OF LINEAR POLYESTERS BY FREE RADICALS. W. O. Baker. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 69, 1125–30 (May 1947). Compounds decomposing to give free radicals, such as benzoyl

peroxide, react with saturated linear polyesters such as polyundecanoates. Crosslinked, thermoset systems, which often still retain microcrystallinity, are ultimately formed. Probably methylene groups a to the ester group are activated by losing a hydrogen atom to a free radical. Two such -CH- groups may then combine to form a cross-bond, or they may ettack other a-methylene groups. Polyundecanoates reacted with small quantities of benzoyl peroxide, short of gelation, yield species whose precipitabilities plotted against their dilute solution viscosities lie on the same curves which are characteristic of the original linear polyesters. Hence, the relation between dilute solution viscosity and solubility is not sensitively affected by branching. However, the relations of these properties to molecular weight are apparently changed. Further, actual thermosetting of polyester plastic. and vulcanization of polyester rubbers is shown by viscosity and creep experiments to follow from these simple free-radical reactions. Similar processes are suggested for aging, oxidation and other reactions of chain polymers containing little or no olefinic unsaturation.

FRIEDEL-CRAFTS CATALYSTS AND POLYMERIZATION. A. G. Evans, G. W. Meadows and M. Polanyi. Nature 158, 94-5 (1946). Experimental evidence is presented to show that the polymerization of isobutene catalyzed with boron trifluoride requires the presence of a small trace of water.

PHASE SEPARATION IN POLY-MER SOLUTION. A. Dobry and F. Boyer-Kawenoki. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 90-100 (Feb. 1947). The phase separation in solutions of high polymers in the same solvent (technically known as incompatibility) has been studied for 14 high polymers (cellulose, vinyl and acrylic derivatives) dissolved in 13 solvents. The influence of solvent, concentration, molecular weight and constitution of the macromolecules has been studied for 78 mixtures; the results are represented in triangular diagrams. Incompatibility appears to be the normal situation, compatibility the exception. Moreover, in certain cases the exception may be only apparent. Phase separation is discussed in its relation to osmotic pressure, solubility and the isomorphism of the molecules. Phase separation furnishes new means—useful at least for technical research-of measuring the molecular weight of macromolecules. It is a simple and rapid procedure.

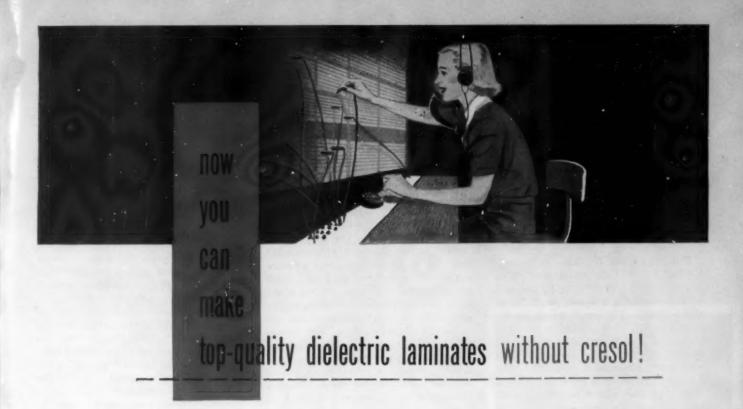
FRACTIONATION OF HIGH-POLY-MERIC SUBSTANCES. L. H. Cragg and H. Hammerschlag. Chem. Rev. 39, 79–135 (1946). The methods used for fractionating high polymeric materials are reviewed. These include fractional precipitation, fractional solution, differential rate of solution, ultracentrifugation and molecular distillation. There are 312 references.

RELATIVE REACTIVITIES IN VINYL COPOLYMERIZATION. T. Alfrey, Jr. and C. C. Price. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 101–6 (Feb. 1947). From data in the literature on relative rates of copolymerization it has been possible to evaluate two constants, Q and e, characteristic of an individual monomer, which appear to account satisfactorily for its behavior in copolymerization. The constant Q describes the "general monomer reactivity" and is apparently related to possibilities for stabilization in a radical adduct. The constant e takes account of polar factors influencing copolymerization.

KINETIC STUDY OF THE UREA-FORMALDEHYDE REACTION. L. E. Smythe. J. Phys. & Colloid Chem. 51 369-78 (Mar. 1947). The reaction between urea and formaldehyde in aqueous solution within defined conditions is shown to be mainly of the slow bimolecular type. A method for estimating the free formaldehyde during the course of a urea-formaldehyde reaction is presented.

#### Properties

IGNITION TEMPERATURES OF RIGID PLASTICS. E. M. Schoenborn and D. S. Weaver, Jr. ASTM Bulletin 1947, 80-7 (May 1947). The temperature at which a plastic will ignite and the rate at which it burns may be considered as two separate and independent measurable properties. This paper describes a method for evaluating the first property, the surface temperature at the moment of ignition. Flammability data are presented for over 25 different materials under a variety of test conditions. By measuring the actual temperatures which prevail at known points within a specimen at the instant of ignition it is possible to evaluate an apparent ignition temperature for the surface. This temperature value is found to depend primarily upon the nature of the substance and upon the temperature of the heat source. At any given furnace temperature, it is also shown that the apparent ignition temperature is a



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function of the time required to ignite the specimen. This relationship is ementially independent of the nature of the materials tested and appears to hold over a wide range of temperatures and times. Results obtained on the thermosetting and thermoplastic types investigated preclude the establishment of a single furnace temperature for all materials. The probable mechanism of ignition is discussed. A rigorous analysis of the flammability problem is complicated by lack of information on the thermal properties and by the difficulty of applying unsteady state heat transfer theory to materials which deform, decompose or are otherwise thermally unstable at temperatures involved.

POLYELECTROLYTES. I. PIC-RATES OF 4-VINYLPYRIDINE-STY-RENE COPOLYMERS. R. M. Fuoss and G. I. Cathers. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 12-15 (Feb. 1947). The conductance in diphenyl ether at 35° C. and 60 cycles of the picrate of a 4-vinylpyridine-styrene copolymer (10:90) was measured. The equivalent conductance, based on the nitrogen content, is of the same order as that of picoline picrate and varies with concentration in accordance with the law of ion association.

SORPTION OF WATER VAPOR BY HIGH POLYMERS. S. E. Smith. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 69, 646-51 (Mar. 1947). A method for the graphic analysis of data on the sorption of water vapor by high polymers is presented. The method subdivides the weight fraction of sorbed water into a bound and a normally condensed fraction. Hysteresis in the sorption isotherm is a consequence of variation in the fraction of bound water present in the adsorption and desorption processes, the bound fraction being always larger on desorption than on adsorption. A mechanism for the development of hysteresis is suggested. Conditions for the development of hysteresis are: 1) an enlargement of the scrptive surface as a consequence of swelling and 2) the presence of rigid structural elements in the polymer having dimensions relatively large compared to those of the sorbate molecules. The method is compared and contrasted with that of Brunauer, Emmett and Teller.

#### Testing

SIMPLIFIED METHOD FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF OSMOTIC PRESSURE OF SYNTHETIC MACRO-MOLECULES. A. Dobry. J. chim. phys. 42, 114–16 (1945); Chem. Abstracts 40, 6320 (Nov. 10, 1946). When a solution in equilibrium with its coacervate is diluted with pure solvent, the osmotic pressure is directly proportional to the concentration. Miscibility is observed if the solution is near the critical concentration. In this case a single osmotic pressure measurement gives the mean molecular weight. The principle is demonstrated

with cellulose acetate in chloroform and ethanol, polystyrene in carbon tetrachloride and acetic acid and polyvinyl alcohol in benzene.

STANDARD TEST FOR GREASE-PROOFNESS. Modern Packaging 20, 165-6 (Apr. 1947). The Packaging Institute method for determining the resistance of a material to transudation by oils is described.

COMPLETE APPARATUS FOR DETERMINATION OF OSMOTIC MOLECULAR WEIGHTS. G. D. Sands and B. L. Johnson. Analytical Chem. 19, 261-4 (Apr. 1947). The procedures and apparatus for determining molecular weights from osmotic pressure measurements are described and illustrated in detail. By using a dozen of the static osmometers simultaneously, a complete molecular weight determination can be made in one to four days. Representative data for standard government specification GR-S polymers and for samples of German Buna S-3 subjected to various treatments illustrate the results obtained. Reproducibility of osmotic heights is of the order of 5 percent.

ABRASION TESTS ON RUBBER. T. R. G. Lewis. Trans. Inst. Rubber Ind. 21, 375–90 (1946). An abrasion machine used extensively in England for rubber products is described. Although this machine has been used many years it has not been described previously.

#### Synthetic rubber

EFFECT OF SILVER SALTS ON EMULSION POLYMERIZATION SYS-TEMS CONTAINING BUTADIENE. L. W. Rainard. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 16-20 (Feb. 1947). The addition of silver nitrate to polymerizable systems containing butadiene can result in increased over-all rates of conversion. When butadiene is the only monomer and a cationic soap is used the addition of silver nitrate causes a significant decrease in rate. The most active system studied was one which contained butadiene, styrene, a cationic soap, a peroxide and silver nitrate. Comparison runs in a GR-S type formulation with silver nitrate and potassium ferricyanide indicate that the silver salt is the more effective in producing higher over-all rates of conversion.

MOLECULAR WEIGHT OF GR-S FRACTIONS. D. M. French and R. H. Ewart. Analytical Chem. 19, 165-7 (Mar. 25, 1947). Osmotic molecular weight measurements were made on a sample of unfractionated GR-S and on eight fractions of this material. The molecular weights ranged from 10,000 to approximately 1,000,000, with a number average at 92,000. The relationship betwen molecular weight and viscosity for GR-S was determined. A simple all-glass os-

mometer for use in hydrocarbon solvents is described, and information on its use and the membranes employed is given.

MERCAPTANS AS MODIFIERS. I. M. Kolthoff and W. E. Harris. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 49-71 (Feb. 1947). A close correlation exists between the modifying effect of mercaptans in emulsion copolymerization of butadiene (75 parts) and styrene (25 parts) and mercaptan consumption during the polymerization. A procedure is described for the rapid amperometric titration of mercaptans in latices. Mercaptan disappearance curves (i.e., mercaptan used at various conversions) are given for a series of primary and tertiary mercaptans of widely varying molecular weight and of two secondary mercaptans. The consumption of (and modification by) primary mercaptans is affected to a much greater extent by the molecular weight of the mercaptan than that of tertiary mercaptans. The consumption of pure and of commercial n-dodecyl mercaptan is greatly affected by the mode and rate of agitation during the polymerization, manner of preparation of the charge (preformed soap and soap "in situ," separate emulsification of the modifier), dilution of the monomers with inert organic solvents, excess of free caustic in the charge, amount and kind of emulsifier, and the presence of substances which form complexes with the mercaptan. The consumption of tertiary dodecyl mercaptan is not affected by these variables. The difference in behavior between the two mercaptans is interpreted as a faster rate of solubilization into the locus of the reaction of tertiary mercaptans than of primary mercaptans of the same molecular weight. The disappearance curve of a mercaptan from a mixture of two mercaptans remains unaffected by the presence of the other mercaptan. At the same conversion the consumption of a mercaptan increases with decreasing temperature. Disappearance of mercaptan during the polymerization as a result of nonmodifying reactions is discussed.

PHOTOLYSIS OF RUBBER. L. Bateman. J. Polymer Sci. 2, 1-9 (Feb. 1947). Rubber hydrocarbon irradiated in vacuo is decomposed by ultraviolet light of wave length less than 4000 A. The rubber very rapidly becomes insoluble, and liberates a gaseous mixture which consists mainly of hydrogen when the irradiation temperature is less than 150°C. The reaction characteristics were investigated and point to the occurrence of dissociation processes similar to those deduced for comparable simple olefins. When irradiated above 150° C., small but significant amounts of isoprene appear in the volatile product, thereby providing an experimental means of determining the activation energy for the separation of isoprene from a polyisoprene chain terminated by an allyl radical.



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TEXTILES. R. P. Foulds and J. T. Marsh (to Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co. Ltd.). U. S. 2,416,988, Mar. 4. Textile material is delustered by impregnating with a solution containing urea and contacting in another phase with another solution containing an aldehyde and an acid, whereby an insoluble, non-resinous, synthetic condensate is precipitated in particulate form on the material to deluster same; and washing to remove any resin-formable material.

COATING PROCESS. B. C. Miller (to B. C. Miller, Inc.). U. S. 2,417,009, Mar. 4. A method for coating sheet material with high melting thermoplastic material having a sharp melting point not exceeding 300° F. comprising printing a surface of a continuously advancing web with said thermoplastic heated to a liquid state, thereafter spreading and smoothing the thus applied thermoplastic in a single step into a continuous even film solely by the conjoint application of heat together with pressure.

MELAMINE RESIN. J. D. Pollard (to American Cyanamid Co.). U. S. 2,417,014, Mar. 4. An acidic solution of a partially polymerized melamine-formal-dehyde condensate in a solvent comprising an aqueous, aliphatic polyhydric alcohol solution containing at least 5 percent water, 30 percent water-soluble polyhydric alcohol, and 5 to 50 percent melamine resin, said solution having a pH of 4.0 to 6.8.

SOLE ATTACHMENT. P. H. Dixon and J. R. Ioannilli (to United Shoe Machinery Corp.). U. S. 2,417,065, Mar. 11. A method of attaching articles by means of a thermoplastic cement applied to the margin of at least one of the attaching surfaces, comprising interposing a member between the marginal attaching surfaces in surface contact with the cement, applying pressure so as to bring the mid-portions into contact, creating heat after it has been brought into position, withdrawing the heated member laterally of the sole and pressing the articles firmly together.

CURED POLYMER. W. J. Sparks and H. B. Kellog (to Jasco, Inc.). U. S. 2,417,093, Mar. 11. In the processing of a synthetic solid plastic hydrocarbon interpolymer of an iso-olefin with a conjugated diolefin, the step of heating a solution of the interpolymer with a sulfur chloride to a reaction temperature causing evolution of hydrogen chloride to produce a partly sulfurized polymer which is millable

to plasticity and is reactive with elemental sulfur to yield an elastic product.

HEAD LAMP CASING. R. P. H. Hinds. U. S. 2,417,162, Mar. 11. A unidirectional automobile head lamp containing a plastic casing.

PINE-WOOD RESIN. A. L. Rummelsburg (to Hercules Powder Co.). U.S. 2,417,180, Mar. 11. The melting point of a pine wood resin, containing between 30 and 95 percent hydrocarbon-insoluble material, is increased by heating said resin for about 1 to 100 hr. at a temperature between 100 and 250° C. with a boric acid compound such as boric acids, esters of boric acids and anhydrides thereof.

POLYMERS. R. E. Christ and B. M. Marks (to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.). U. S. 2,417,238, Mar. 11. A process for casting polymerizable compounds to form shaped articles, comprising subjecting a compound such as esters of acrylic, α-chloroacrylic or methacrylic acids in bulk to polymerizing conditions in the presence of a catalyst mixture consisting of an organic peroxy compound, sulfur dioxide and a 1,3-dioxolane.

PLASTIC VALVE. V. W. Eckel (to Adel Precision Products Corp.). U. S. 2,417,242, Mar. 11. A valve composed of plastic material.

COPOLYMERS. G. F. D'Alelio (to Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush Co.). U. S. 2,417,-293-4, Mar. 11. A cohesive, workable, reversible gel adapted to the preparation of shaped or molecularly oriented structures comprising a liquid nitrohydrocarbon and the polymerizate of a mixture of acrylonitrile, a material such as styrene and a vinyl ether.

TEXTILE TREATMENT. J. H. MacGregor (to Courtaulds Ltd.). U. S. 2,417,312, Mar. 11. A process for improving the dyeing affinity of cellulosic textile material and imparting a softness thereto, comprising treating before dyeing with an a neous solution containing a guanidine salt of an alpha-beta unsaturated carboxylic acid, which is devoid of amino groups, and formaldehyde, and thereafter converting to a water-insoluble condensate.

VARNISH. L. K. Scott (to Devoe and Raynolds Co., Inc.). U. S. 2,417,327, Mar. 11. In the preparation of varnishes, the step comprising simultaneously reacting together rosin, maleic anhydride, and a fatty oil having non-conjugated ethylene linkages, such as a drying oil or a semi-drying oil, at a temperature between 200 and 320° C., the reaction being carried out in the absence of polyhydric alcohol.

COATING. G. R. Barrett (to Monsanto Chemical Co.). U. S. 2,417,344, Mar. 11. A lacquer composition comprising a cellulose derivative such as a cellulose ether or ester thinned with solvent; an organic pigment suspended therein, said pigment being an inorganic oxide or Aerogel; and a small amount of dibutylamine pyrophosphate sufficient to prevent settling of the pigment.

FLUORESCENT FABRIC. J. L. Switzer. U. S. 2,417,383, Mar. 11. A signal and display panel comprising a web of cellulose acetate fabric, a bleeding daylight fluorescent dye dispersed in said web, a resinous anchor coat on the reverse side of said web, a stratum of diatomaceous earth on the anchor coat, a pigmented coat comprising a pigment dispersed in a cellulose ether, a resinous anchor coat on the obverse side and a clear cellulosic overcoat.

COPOLYMER. L. M. Minsk and C. C. Unruh (to Eastman Kodak Co.). U. S. 2,417,404, Mar. 11. A resinous copolymer is prepared by heating in the presence of a catalyst a mixture of a compound such as vinyl acetate, methyl acrylate, methyl α-methacrylate or styrene; with a diacylate of a monocarboxylic acid such as benzoic, acetic, propionic or butyric acids; and an unsaturated aldehyde such as acrolein, α-methacrolein, α-ethacrolein, α-bromacrolein, crotonaldehyde, α-chlorocrotonaldehyde or cinnamic aldehyde.

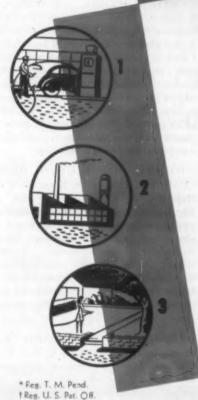
COATED FABRIC. F. J. Bellac. U. S. 2,417,405, Mar. 18. A coated flexible fabric sheeting comprising a rubberized fabric base provided with an intermediate coating containing cellulose nitrate, a solvent, dibutyl phthalate, alkyd resins having plasticizing properties, butyl stearate, diluents, pigments, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate and a final cellulose nitrate coating applied to intermediate coating.

ABRASIVE. S. S. Kistler and L. Coes (to Norton Co.). U. S. 2,417,419, Mar. 18. In the preparation of an abrasive article, the step comprising confining a mixture of abracive grains and a heat softening bonding material in an envelope which is rigid at room temperature, but which becomes pliable under heat, and heating said assembly under pressure.

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MODIFIED RUBBER. G. H. Latham (to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.). U. S. 2,417,424, Mar. 18. The process comprising treating an aldehyde-modified natural or synthetic rubber with an organic compound having from two to three groups having the N double bond C double bond X structure wherein X is a chalcogen of atomic weight below 33.

TEXTILE PRODUCT. W. Wade (to American Viscose Corp.). U.S. 2,417,453, Mar. 18. A textile product is prepared by forming a structure of composite potentially adhesive filaments, comprising at least two integral portions, one such portion being a core and the other a sheath portion exterior to and encasing the core portion and constituting a smooth longitudinally continuous and homogeneous filament surface, said core being formed of non-cellular organic material and the sheath being formed of a thermosetting resin in the thermoplastic state, heating said structure to cause the sheath portions of adjacent filaments to soften and adhere to each other and to cause interpolymerization of the thermosetting resin to the infusible state.

. COATING REMOVAL. V. J. Canziani and F. W. Stellwagen (to Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corp.). U. S. 2,417,468, Mar. 18. A flexible polymer insulation is stripped from a wire by immersing in a bath including a fatty acid of 16 or more carbon atoms; thereafter, immersing in a second bath containing a substance capable of dissolving the acid and thereafter stripping coating from wire.

PLASTIC ARTICLE. A. B. McGinnia (to Wheeling Stamping Co.). U.S. 2,417,510, Mar. 18. A reinforced hollow plastic article having a resin-impregnated reinforcing fabric sheet on the inner surface thereof, defining a substantially complete lining therefor and having integrally bonded to the resin in said impregnated sheet and over the outer surface thereof a continuous layer of a resinous substance comprised of resinous molding material.

TEXTILE SOFTENING. J. Nelles, O. Bayer, W. Tischbein and F. Baehren (to the U. S.). U. S. 2,417,513, Mar. 18. A soft touch is imparted to textile materials by incorporating therein a basic-nitrogen-containing linear ester polymer obtained by heating to condensation an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid or functional derivative thereof with an aliphatic di-hydric alcohol or functional derivative thereof, said components being selected in such a manner that at least one reactant contains basic nitrogen, for a period of time such that the polyester is not strongly sticky and ropy.

LAMINATED STRUCTURES. P. Crosley, III. U. S. 2,417,586, Mar. 18. A laminated structure is prepared by superimposing at least one layer of fibrous

material over a form while said layer is saturated and wet with a solution of a partially reacted thermosetting resin, stretching a woven fabric over the outer surface of said fibrous material so as to build up an internal pressure on said layer prior to curing the resin and curing while maintaining in stretched condition.

COPOLYMER CONDUCTOR. D. T. Mowry (to Monsanto Chemical Co.). U. S. 2,417,607-8, Mar. 18. An interpolymer prepared by forming a mixture of a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon and fumarodinitrile and heating; an electrical conductor embedded in a resinous polymeric material comprising the interpolymerizate of styrene and fumarodinitrile.

BRUSH. E. W. Hall. U. S. 2,417,750, Mar. 18. In a brush, the combination of a mass of individual bristles and a holder comprising a handle and molded adhesive plastic head into which the ends of the bristles are embedded.

ADHESIVE. J. J. Verbanc (to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.). U. S. 2,417,792, Mar. 18. An adhesive composition suitable for bonding textile reinforcing structures to elastomeric stock comprising the reaction product of an organic di-isocyanate and an elastic isoprene polymer dissolved in an organic solvent for said reaction product.

LAMINATING. L. Paggi (to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.). U. S. 2,417,837, Mar. 25. A sheet of plastic prepared from polymeric acrylic or methacrylic acids, their esters, or anhydrides is laminated to another sheet comprising a plasticized polyvinyl acetal resin by coating the first sheet with a water-insoluble plasticizer therefor and a polysilicic acid sol in an organic solvent for said plasticizer, drying coating thus formed, placing the second sheet on the coated surface and uniting the two under both heat and pressure.

IMPREGNATION. S. H. A. Young (to Hawley Products Co.). U. S. 2,417,-851, Mar. 25. In the impregnation of a fibrous plastic article the steps of providing a predetermined mixture of liquid watersoluble and water-dispersible resins containing resin particles in suspension, placing an accreted preformed fibrous carcass containing water from an accreting process in its interstices on a suction die having a surface contour corresponding to the shape of the carcass, but with openings therethrough, immersing the die and carcass into a bath of the mixture, creating a suction through the die and thereby drawing a solution of water-soluble resins into and through the carcass, thereby replacing interstitially held water and simultaneously selectively coating and impregnating with particles of water-dispersible resin and providing the surface with a high concentration of the suspended particles.

TEXTILE TREATMENT. C. F. Goldthwait, H. O. Smith and L. B. Barnes (to U. S. Dept. of Agr.). U. S. 2,417,869, Mar. 25. Textiles are finished by dissolving in an aqueous cuprammonium solution a cellulose hydroxyethyl ether which is water-insoluble, applying the resulting solution to textile and drying textile.

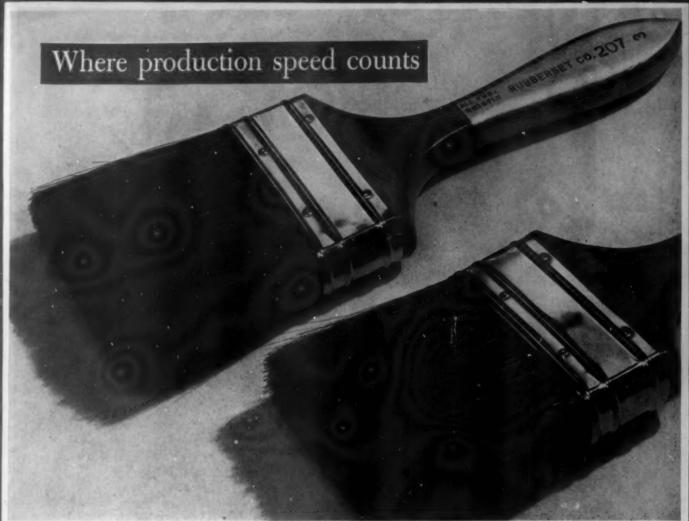
COMPOSITE PIPE. C. G. Munger (to American Pipe & Construction Co.). U. S. 2,417,881, Mar. 25. A composite plastic-metal pipe unit is prepared by cleaning the interior of the pipe, applying to the cleaned surface a coating of plastic adhesive, inserting a rigid, imperforate, thermoplastic tube, simultaneously applying fluid pressure to interior of tube, heating to bond tube to pipe interior and finally cooling while holding fluid pressure.

COATING. G. M. Powell, III, and E. F. Carlston (to Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp.). U. S. 2,417,885, Mar. 25. Articles having a copper surface are coated by applying a solution containing water, ammonia and a water-insoluble partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl ester or a water-insoluble partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl acetal, permitting the liquids of the solution to remain in contact with the copper surface until a bluish-green color is observed, heating the coating at a temperature of at least 325° F. and thereby forming an adherent alcohol-insoluble film on said surface.

CASTING RESIN. C. S. Webber, S. B. Luce and F. M. Murdock (to Monsanto Chemical Co.). U. S. 2,417,959, Mar. 25. A cast phenol resin prepared by reacting 1 mol of phenol with considerably more than 1 mol of formaldehyde under alkaline conditions, acidifying the reaction mixture, adding phenol reacted with formaldehyde to form a Novolak resin in the proportion of 20 parts of Novolak per 100 parts of phenol in the original mixture, pouring into a mold and hardening by heating.

RUBBER-RESORCINOL RESIN COMPOSITION. E. S. Ebers (to U. S. Rubber Co.). U. S. 2,417,975, Mar. 25. The process comprising reacting in aqueous medium resorcinol, formaldehyde and an amine such as monomethylamine, monoethylamine, dimethylamine, diethylamine, n-propylamine, isopropylamine, di-n-propylamine or di-isopropylamine to form a potentially reactive resin, and mixing said resin, while still in the dissolved state, with alkaline latex.

LIGNOCELLULOSIC BOARD. A. J. Stamm and H. Tarkow (to U. S.). U. S. 2,417,995, Mar. 25. Lignocellulosic board materials are partially acetylated by impregnating such board material having a moisture content of about 2 percent with the vapor from a moisture-free liquid acetylating medium containing acetic anhydride at a temperature between 140 and 230° F. until a gain in weight of 15 to 25 percent has occurred.



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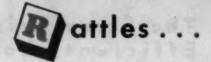
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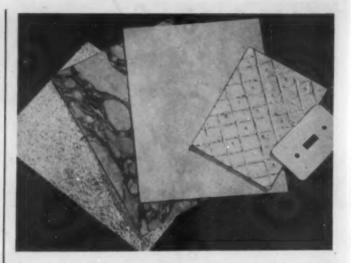
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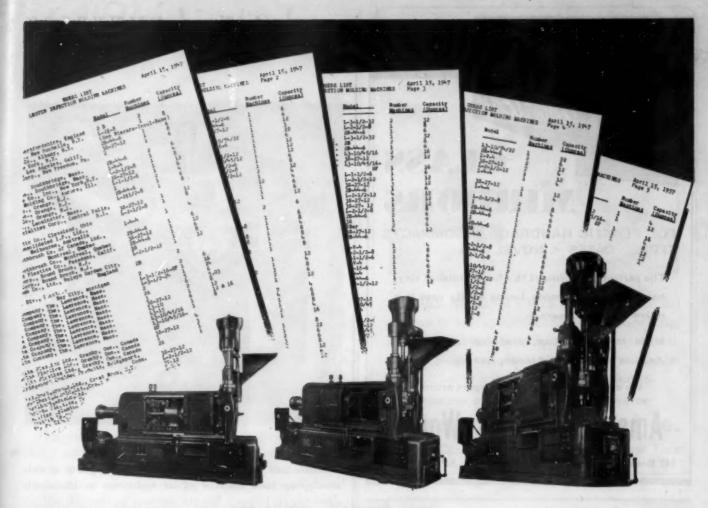
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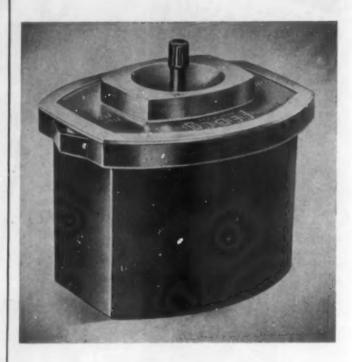


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Phenolic was selected for four of the seven parts of this developing tank because of its resistance to chemicals

HANDY piece of dark room equipment, this tank for daytime developing of film packs and cut film, is molded of phenolic. Its obvious advantages of being unaffected by photographic chemicals, having economy of price and ability to do a good developing job will undoubtedly be recognized by photographic fans. To Plastic Products Inc., the molder, S. Norwalk, Conn., and to Fedco Products Co., the manufacturer, 37 Murray St., New York City, goes the credit for the development of this tank.

#### Molding the tank

Four of the seven parts of the tank-container, cover and two-piece reel—are compression molded of Resinox or Bakelite. The single-cavity molds for the container and the cover are complicated by the fact that the container has a recessed light-trap channel around the upper edge of the molded piece, at each end of which are pouring lips.

The cover is made to fit into the container channel and has corresponding pouring lips. A raised funnel is molded in top of the cover. The cover, incidentally, is bright red—the only part that deviates from the black color of the tank.

A two-piece reel for the tank is made in a 2-cavity mold. Both halves of the reel are of the same dimensions except for the hubs. Here an allowance has been made for one hub to fit into the other. Indexing notches

### photographic tank

are molded into the hubs to permit adjustment of the reel to various film sizes.

Each end of the reel is provided with a dozen moldedin slots. These slots are molded with precision so that those at one end accurately correspond in position to the slots at the other end of the reel—a precaution which keeps films from touching each other during development. After the molding of these parts, the flash is removed from the slots by a punch fixture.

The fifth component of the tank—the agitator—is also plastic. It is cast of Marblette, 42 agitators being turned out at one time.

The remaining tank parts are metal and consist of a feeder, used to thread the strips of film into their proper slots, and a clip which assists in keeping the reel hubs properly adjusted to film sizes.

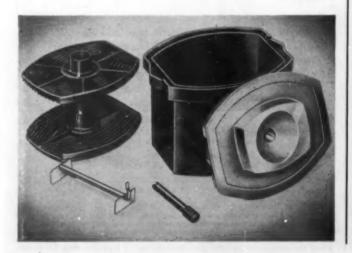
Made to accommodate films ranging from  $2^{1}/_{2}$  by  $3^{1}/_{4}$  to 4 by 5 in., the new tank is compact and requires only 48 oz. of developing solution.

#### Serviceability of plastic tanks

The plastic photographic tank has already been in use for a number of years. Its chief advantage lies in its resistance to chemicals. This is important because chemicals of most any description, not necessarily used in the developing process, are apt to spill on the tank. If the chemicals were harmful and could not be easily washed off the tank, the films thereafter developed might be ruined.

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The four phenolic parts are the container, cover and the two-piece reel. The first two parts are molded in single cavity molds; the reel is turned out in a two-cavity die



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### Consumption of

THESE statistics represent the consumption of plastics and synthetic resins as reported by 82 manufacturing companies. The decline in thermoplastics consumption, which started in March, continued in May with cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics molding materials off about 1,000,000 lb. from April and little more than half the peak production of 3,000,000 lb. in December 1946. Acetate sheeting of over 0.003 gage was slightly up. Polystyrene

#### PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESIN PRODUCTION From Statistics Counciled by Bureau of

#### Materials

Cellulose acetate and mixed ester plastics<sup>e</sup> Sheets Continuous (under 0.003 gage)

Continuous (0.003 gage and upward) All other sheets, rods and tubes Molding and extrusion materials

Total

Nitrocellulose plastics<sup>a</sup> Sheets Rods and tubes

Total

Other cellulose plasticso,6

Phenolic and other tar acid resin-Laminating (dry basis) Adhesives (dry basis) Molding materials All other, including casting (dry basis)

Total

Urea and melamine resins
Adhesives (dry basis)
Textile and paper treating (dry basis)
All other, including laminating (dry basis)\*

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Total

Polystyrene\*,\*

Vinyl resins
Sheeting and film, including safety glass sheeting
Textile and paper coating resins (resin content)
Molding and extrusion materials (resin content)
All other, including adhesives (resin content)

Total

Miscellaneous

Molding materials<sup>a, h</sup>

All other (dry basis)<sup>s, i</sup>

Total

**Grand Total** 

a Includes fillers, plasticizers and extenders. b Includes methyl and ethyl cellulose and related plastics. c Data cannot be published without disclosing operations of individual establishments. d Includes operations of two companies reporting for the first time in May; however, this does not appreciably affect the comparability with previous months. c Excludes data for protec-

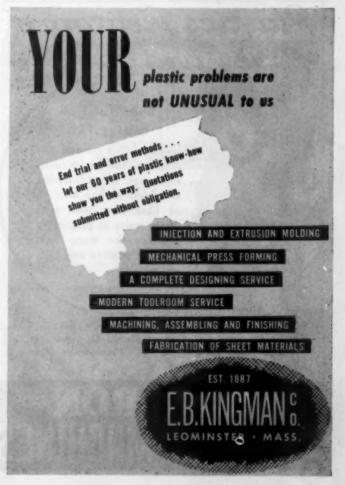
### plastics materials

was off about 250,000 lb. from April and down about 500,000 lb. from the peak 1947 figure of 7,400,000 in January. Vinyls took a severe drop of 3,000,000 lb. with greatest decline in molding and extrusion materials. In contrast to the thermoplastics, phenolic molding powder reached its greatest production, and resin for laminating varnish shows continuous increase. The two companies added to the phenolic production report did not appreciably affect comparisons.

April 1947 lb. 738,552	May 1947	Totals for first 5 months—1947
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738,552	lb.	lb.
	663,256	3,587,574
581,652	668,547	2,948,964
441,465	357,679	1,926,107
5,357,103	4,316,753	30,873,281
7,118,772	6,006,235	39,335,926
027 101	777 700	4,457,629
937,101 392,243	777,782 274,299	2,068,055
1,329,344	1,052,081	6,525,684
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331,455	•	1,685,554
3,590,468	4,015,364	17,407,742
1,952,870	1,944,834	8,826,912
15,088,906 <sup>j</sup>	16,508,733 <sup>d</sup>	74,617,276
5,652,425	4,941,444	30,036,982
26,284,669 <sup>i</sup>	27,410,375	130,888,912
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1,187,095	3,876,904	20,021,294
1,482,914	1,556,831	7,681,251
615,180	668,464	3,749,526
6,285,189	6,102,199	31,470,071
7,096,129	6,854,145	34,906,973
5,980,883	4,430,884	27,592,650
1,424,463	1,431,879	6,128,029
6,890,397	5,777,376	31,735,882
2,020,746	1,485,663	11,938,874
16,316,489	13,125,802	77,395,435
4,920,323	4,188,842	26,116,606
3,354,600 <sup>j</sup>	3,217,810	13,574,560
8,274,923 <sup>j</sup>	7,406,652	39,691,166

tive conting resins. f Excludes urea and melamine molding materials see footnote h. g Dry basis, including necessary coloring material. h Includes data for urea and melamine, acrylic acid and miscellaneous molding material. I Includes data for petroleum resins, acrylic acid ester resins, mixtures and miscellaneous synthetic materials. j Revised. k Total, Jan.-April only.





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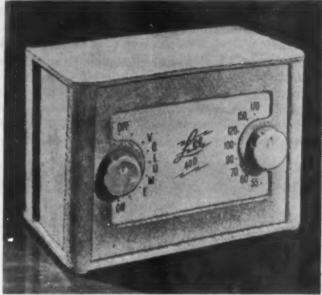
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### A radio case of



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This new small radio features a cabinet of veneer-kraft laminate. This cabinet is sprayed with a varnish-adhesive, then with rayon filaments to give variety of colors

WANTED — a small radio in a wide range of colors which could be mass produced to permit its intended low cost. The result is the Lee 400, a 4-tube, tuned radio frequency type radio, which retails for \$12.95 and has an anticipated sale for the season of 150,000 units. Weighing 3  $^{1}/_{2}$  lb., the radio is  $^{7}/_{2}$  in. long,  $^{5}/_{4}$  in. high and  $^{4}/_{10}$  in. deep.

Designed by Herbert Friedman of Lee Radio Co. of 1331 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y., this new radio is the first to have a cabinet made entirely of Tekwood, a veneer-kraft laminate. This laminate consists of two layers of heavy cylinder kraft bonded to a core of hardwood veneer and is said to be sturdy enough to sustain weight up to 300 pounds. Like plywood, it gains its strength from cross-grained, laminated three-ply wood and paper layers. It is more flexible, however, than plywood.

This cabinet, together with the production methods that are used, explains in part why the company is able to produce the Lee 400 at such a low cost.

#### Special jig speeds construction

Parts for the cabinet are die-cut from sheets of Tekwood and shipped to Lee's in flat form. They are removed and placed in a special jig which permits simple and rapid construction of the cabinet. Solid wooden posts are placed in the corners of the squaretype cabinet, only other material used excepting some drive screws, a wire grille and a baffle backing for the grille. The corner posts are prerouted and the Tekwood forms, manufactured by the United States Plywood

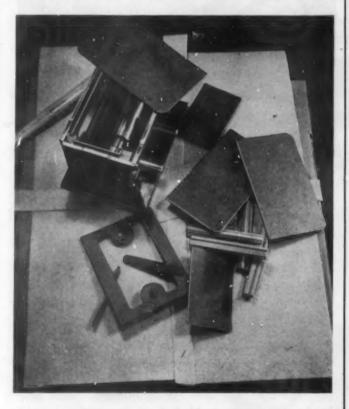
### veneer-kraft laminate

Corp., 55 W. 44th St., New York City, fit into slots. Top, four sides and bottom are assembled with screws. Two support strips of Tekwood are then attached to the bottom by means of glue and screws.

#### Variety of color combinations

When finished, the cabinet is sprayed with a special varnish-adhesive developed by Mr. Friedman. Before this adhesive is dry the cabinet is sprayed with rayon flock, 1/22 or 1/16 in. in length and supplied by Claremont Waste Mfg. Co., Main and Elm Sts., Claremont, N. H. After drying, the surplus rayon filaments are

Cabinet components are shown here. The solid wooden posts, which are prerouted, are placed in cabinet corners



The parts of the radio cabinet are assembled in a special steel form which was designed to speed up production



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This bottom view of the now assembled cabinet shows two support strips. These are attached by glue, screws



Rayon filament flock is applied by air gun to cabinet.

Grille is sprayed in contrasting color, later inserted

air-brushed off the cabinet. The color of this coating can be made to blend with any decorative color scheme, and further, can be made to give double color effects. For example, a cabinet sprayed with red adhesive and gold rayon will appear red when viewed from one direction, gold from another direction and red-gold from still another angle. According to the company, some 400 color combinations are available.

Wire grille is similarly sprayed, usually with a white rayon flock. The radio's name, station identification, etc., are then silk screened on in black. The beige knobs are injection molded of cellulose acetate in a 12-cavity mold by Plastic-Ware, Inc., 238 William St., New York City. The gold leaf arrow is later stamped on these knobs.

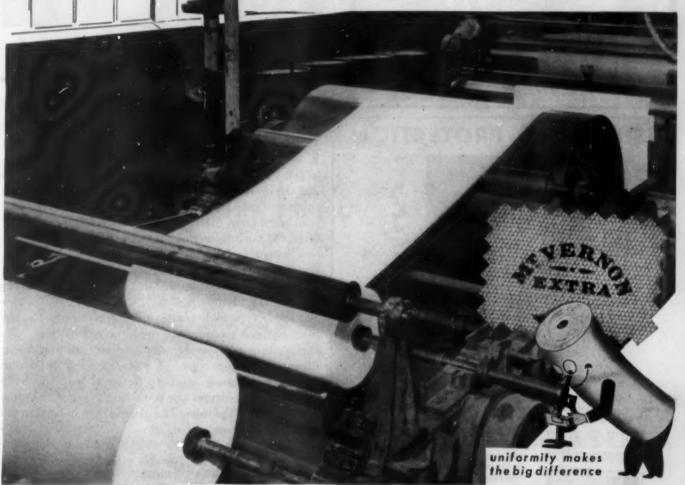
#### Simplified assembly line

Simplified production of the radio set itself also helps cut cost. Instead of having the radios on an assembly line with one worker inserting one small piece of the set, parts for the Lee 400 are assembled to some extent before the radio reaches the main assembly line. Fifteen subassemblies can be placed in as units and then simply wired together. This radio set is installed into the Tekwood cabinet with no screws on the bottom. All screws for attaching it are on the back.

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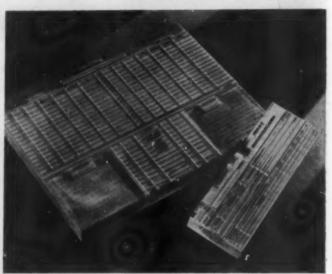
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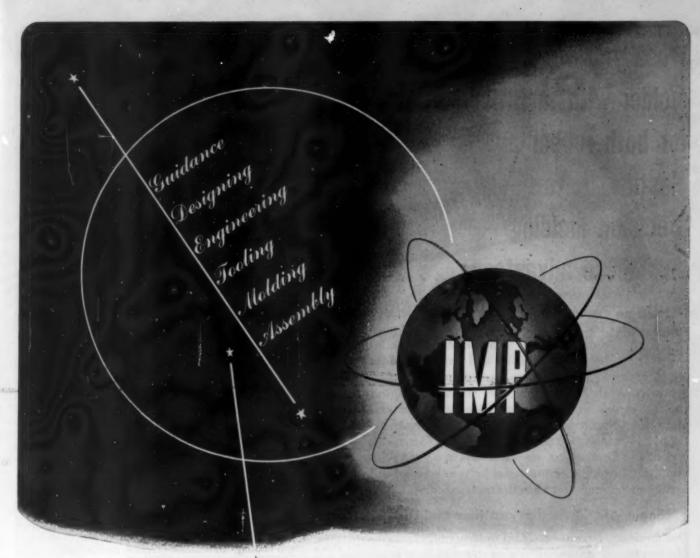
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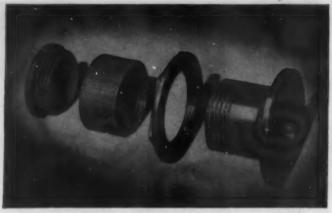
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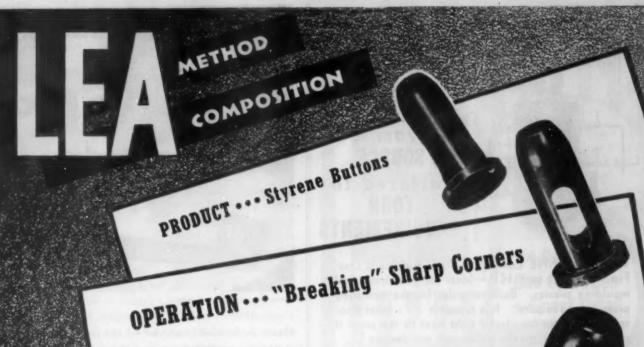
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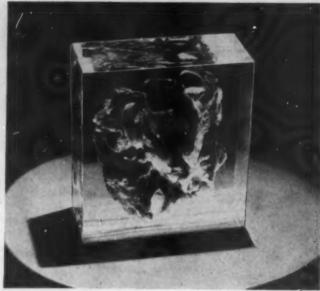
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Tissue emi edded in acrylic by the process described here maintains perfect form and shows minimum color loss

### Specimens in acrylic

A CTUAL specimens of animals and soft tissues are essential in the teaching of biological sciences. This is particularly true in medical sciences such as anatomy and pathology, but the preservation of such specimens has always presented a difficult problem.

One solution to this problem seems to lie in embedding specimens in acrylic by a process developed by Dr. Max M. Strumia and Dr. J. Ivan Hershey of Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa., in cooperation with Rohm & Haas Co.

In the past, the most usual method of preserving organs or slices of organs has been by fixing these specimens in various fluids, usually containing formalin, with the addition of substances designed to retard as much as possible the loss of color and to prevent shrinkage. Customarily mounted in glass jars, specimens preserved in this manner are generally unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. After a few months or a few years, the specimen is almost completely bleached. Shrinkage occurs with deformity of the specimen, making identification difficult even after a relatively short period of time. The glass jars are too bulky and fluid must be added from time to time because of the difficulty of sealing the jars perfectly. Too, the preserving fluid often becomes discolored or turbid.

Nearly all these disadvantages can be eliminated by embedding the organs and tissues in a transparent plastic such as Plexiglas.

In earlier procedures, using acrylic resins, hard insects and similar structures were dehydrated by chemical means. This was not applicable to delicate fleshy animals or organs of animals without considerable loss of form and color. Recent laboratory studies have shown that when water is removed by sublimation from the frozen state by means of a high vacuum, the most delicate cytological structures are preserved. Blood plasma was prepared in this manner during the war. This principle of removing moisture is used in new process.

The first step is freezing of fresh unfixed organs or slices of organs in such a way as to cover them completely with ice. The water is removed (to less than 1 percent) by means of sublimation of the water vapor from the frozen state with the aid of a high vacuum (100 micra of mercury or less) and by condensation of the water vapor at -40 to  $-50^{\circ}$  C. This phenomenon is similar to that observed on a very cold winter day when wet laundry is placed outside to dry. Although the wet garment freezes and remains frozen, it is found, after a period of time, to be perfectly dry because the water vapors have condensed on colder objects nearby.

The spaces left by removal of the water from the specimen are filled by means of a vacuum with liquid acrylic monomer. The specimen is then placed on a preformed base of clear acrylic and covered with successive layers of monomer which has been heated until it is partially polymerized. This process is continued until the tissue is completely embedded.

The monomer containing the specimen is then placed in an oven at 45° C. until it is completely polymerized into a solid crystal-clear block of acrylic. Machining and polishing of the block are the only other steps necessary. If desired however, the block may be cut.

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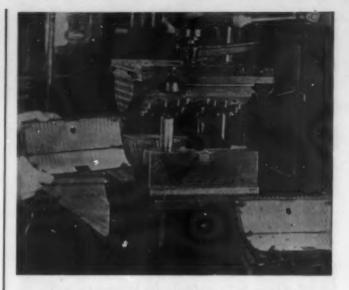
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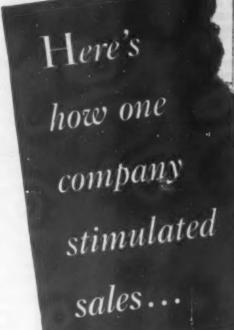
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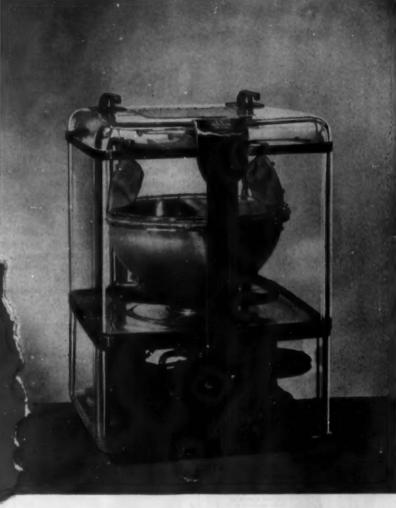
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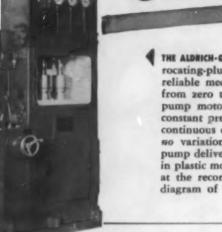
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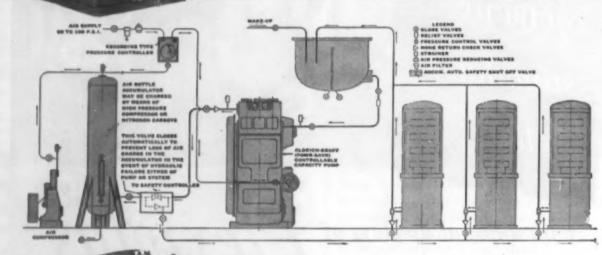
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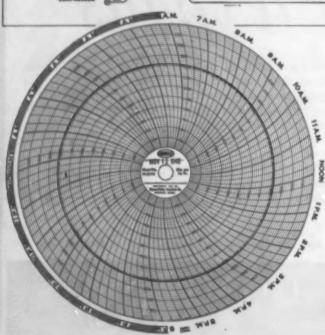


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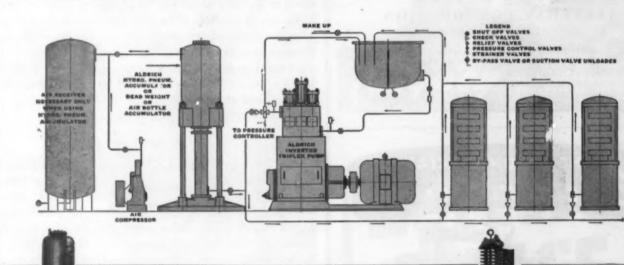


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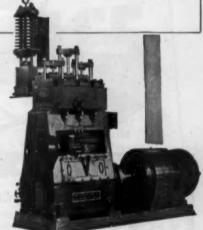
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#### Intercommunication

Two different plastics materials—
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#### A de luxe set

The Rauland Corp., 4245 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, Ill., manufacturer of communication systems for many years, includes among their equipment sets that range from simple 2-way units to the de luxe Amplicall (Fig. 1). The latter has facilities for the use of up to 24 master stations permitting as many as 12 conversations to be carried on simultaneously. It includes a hand phone which can be used when complete privacy is desired and a separate remote speaker which can answer any call from a master station without operating any control. The companion remote cabinet is to be seen in two parts at the upper left in Fig. 2. Versatile combinations of master stations and substations can be incorporated in the set to meet the specialized needs of business offices, for either communication with departments or between departments.

#### Plastie parts

All of the parts that make up the Amplicall de luxe model are molded of walnut-colored Bakelite phenolic and may be seen in Fig. 2. The master cabinet assembly has seven components—the main cabinet, the front of the cabinet, hand phone cradle, the phone and three instrument parts for the phone. The small companion remote cabinet is composed of two parts—the cabinet and the grille. All the parts are compression molded except for the grille of the small cabinet, which is transfer molded in a 2-cavity die. The other pieces



1—One case, molded of walnut-colored phenolic, is used for four different models of this large master intercommunication station. Housing is so designed that additional openings for buttons are easily cut out, the number of buttons being the only difference between sets



2—Six phenolic parts go into the housing of the master set; two into the remote cabinet. Buttons on the large set are also plastic, being molded of cellulose acetate

of intercommunication set are made in 1-cavity molds.

No real finishing work is required on any of these molded parts—flash removal being all that is required. As for assembly of the component parts, on the small remote cabinet, this consists of cementing the grille to the cabinet. In the case of the large model, the front is assembled by means of machine screws. Large bolts inserted in holes drilled in cabinet are used to assemble mechanism in remote cabinet. (Continued on next page)

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3—This is one of the cabinets in a new two-way communication set. Housing is molded of cellulose acetate

Of production interest is the way in which the molder -Richardson Co., Melrose Park, Ill.-makes allowances for the four different models of the large master station put out by the Rauland Corp. All are alike except for the number of selector buttons with which they are equipped. There is a 6-button model, a 12button model, an 18-button model, and the 24-button model shown in Fig. 1. The same housing is used for all four. This standard frontis-piece is produced with molded-in openings for 6 selector buttons. If the front is put on the 12, 18 or 24-button sets, the additional openings are routed out of the phenolic. To facilitate this work the housing is molded with guide lines showing the position for additional openings. The die is so constructed that the plastic material is molded to a thinner section at these possible holes.

#### Plastic withstands heat

There were a number of reasons for choosing Bakelite phenolic for the housings of the Rauland Corp. sets. Chief among these, according to the designer, Joseph Palma, Jr., was the ability of the material to withstand heat. Since each set is equipped with an electronic amplifier, precaution had to be taken against the heat generated from this part. It was imperative that the heat not be instrumental in causing warpage and cracking. Nor could the heat be allowed to become a safety hazard. Bakelite phenolic was found amply strong to withstand the heat and at the same time act as an insulation for electronic and electrical parts. Then there was the ease with which the phenolic material could be molded to the streamlined contours of the set, the permanent finish achieved by the plastic and the material's resistance to hard wear.

Unlike the main housing, the selector buttons of these sets are molded of amber-colored cellulose acetate, a color which provides a pleasing contrast to the walnut



4—This cellulose acetate housing is molded in but one part in a 1-cavity mold. The piece is produced in black

color of the case. These buttons are molded by Chicago Die Mold Corp., 4001 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago 39, Ill.

Some of the dividend features included by the manufacturer of these communication sets are: a visual "busy" signal; plug-in installation that reduces wiring; miniature tubes; illuminated volume controls; and a special circuit that eliminates possible crosstalk caused by amplifier pick-up.

#### A two-way system

A handy little communication system that operates between two stations only is injection molded for the Radio Corp. of America, RCA Div., Camden, N. J. by Cruver Mfg. Co., Jackson Blvd., Chicago 12, Ill. It is so small that it takes up little more space than a desk ink stand (Fig. 3). Its petiteness allows it to be transported without effort or trouble to any place that it may be needed. Installation consists merely of plugging a cord into any 110-volt outlet, AC or DC. Simple operation—it has only one lever—encourages its use for the briefest of conversations.

This Tom-Thumb edition for 2-way communication is molded in one piece of either Lumarith or Tenite I. These materials have been proved to have good resonant qualities and at the same time give the necessary strength to the housing.

The housing (Fig. 4) is available in black only and is injection molded in a 1-cavity die that produces the completed part in one shot. Assembling of the electrical mechanism to the plastic housing is simply achieved by metal screws.

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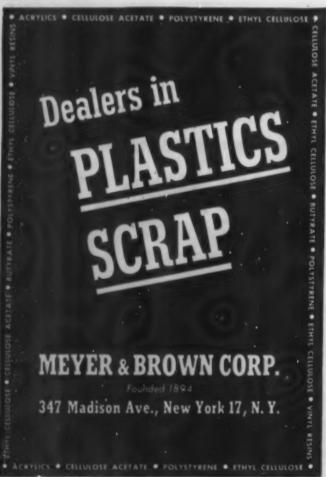
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## Thermoplastics in tin cans

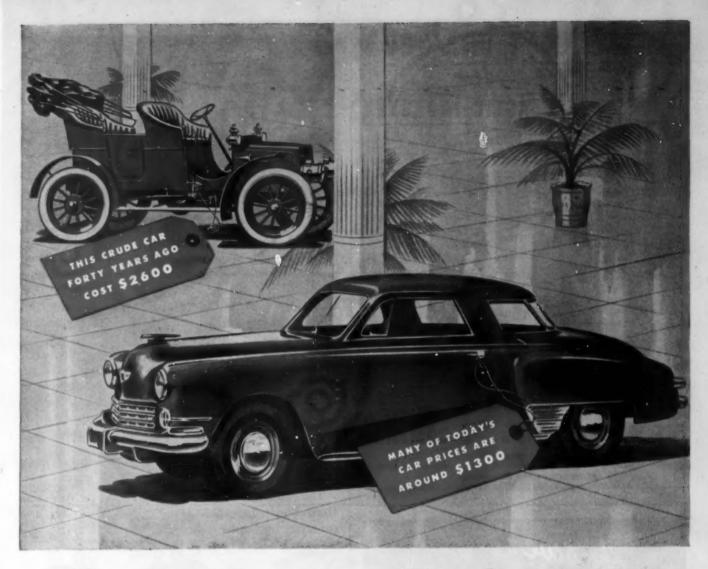
HE tin can which might be thought of as having a staid and unchangeable design has recently been given two improvements by the American Can Co., 230 Park Ave., New York City.

The first improvement relates to eye-appeal—accomplished by using a thermoplastic seal for the side seam of the can in place of solder. Containers sealed up the side with the plastic composition may be fully decorated around the outer wall of the can by lithography. Unlike soldered cans, having a ½-in. wide strip of solder which cannot be overprinted, the plastic seam is applied invisibly on the inside of the seam (Fig. 1).

The seam bonder is actually a synthetic rubber with a thermoplastic resin and the necessary plasticizer added to give proper adhesion qualities. It is water-white, taste-free and has extreme impermeability to moisture. Although tough, the material is not recommended on vacuum-pack cans.

#### Moisture-proof can

The second improvement to be made on the tin can incorporates a new type of closure which can be resealed after the can has been opened. The moisture-proof resistant seal is achieved by an interrupted thread type cover, having a ring gasket located inside the indented outer edge of the cover, where it fits over the top of the can body. This gasket, which also helps to lock the cover tightly in place, is made of a paper impregnated with a wax and a thermoplastic resin. As the cover is pressed on the can, it contacts the interrupted threads that are incorporated in a double seamed ring extending



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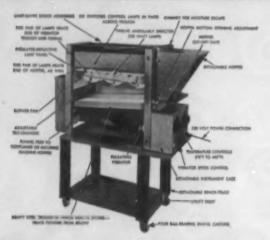


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The reseal can was specially developed for American Home Foods, Inc., 22 E. 40th St., New York City, as a container for soluble coffee.

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A new apparatus, developed by Kidde Mfg. Co. of Bloomfield, N. J., employs transparent Plexiglas in the applicator and insures complete insulation of the dry ice from both the operator's fingers and adjacent tissues of the patient. At the same time, it allows the operator to see how much dry ice remains in the applicator. With finger-tip pressure on the plunger, he can regulate precisely the quantity of dry ice at the tip.

#### Falling chips a hazard

With older methods of cutting pencils of dry ice from solid sticks, chips would fall off the pencil and on to normal tissues, causing considerable injury. If packed in metal applicators, the cold was transmitted to the operator's hand and to surrounding tissues, causing discomfort and harm.

Molded by the General Electric Co. at Taunton, Mass., the applicator posed a problem in that it required a material having resistance to the extreme cold (-60° F.) of dry ice, together with high insulation, light weight, strength and durability. Acrylic not only has these properties but, in addition, is transparent and capable of being formed to exact dimensions. Further, it has a sanitary appearance.

#### Applicators, expansion chamber, cartridges

The new acrylic applicator is part of a kit, which includes a set of 24 cartridges containing carbon dioxide



Molded acrylic applicators in the dry ice kit come in a variety of sizes to accommodate the needs of the doctor

in gaseous form and an expansion chamber, into which the gas is poured, causing it to cool so rapidly that it turns to snow. When the snow is transferred to the acrylic applicator, a central pestle in this crayon-like part is used to form the snow into a compact snow, or ice. The bevel at the bottom of the applicator not only insures easy application to the skin but also prevents the compacted snow from being forced out.

The dry ice kit assembled by the Kidde Mfg. Co. contains several applicators of varying sizes, an expansion chamber and the gas bomb cartridges. All are placed in a compartmented carryall,  $6^{1}/_{2}$  in. sq., that is conveniently carried by a physician.

#### Variety of uses

Cryotherapy—as the use of dry ice is known in medical circles—has many applications. It can be used in the cure of acne, eczema, verrucae, epitheliomas, keloids, lupus erythematosus, keratoses, angiomas, lymphangiomas, soft corns, pigmented nevi, psoriasis patches, rosacea and xanthomas.

Although introduced back in 1905, cryotherapy never achieved the popularity it deserved, largely because of the difficulties in handling which the new kit overcomes. These difficulties include making and applying the ice, tedious labor, lack of uniformity in chip size, high cost, lack of portability and the necessity for quite cumbersome equipment.

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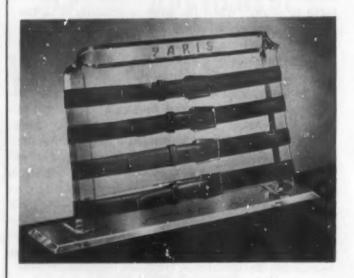
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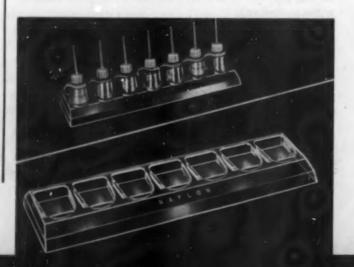


Above—Car in this Ford display is incased in two half spheres of Plexiglas blown by Cadillac Plastic Co. Base is formed with hollow bottom. Top is cut to hold globe



Above—Plexiglas display, having light catching bevel, is fabricated by Emerson Plastics Corp. for A. Stein & Co.

Below-Seven Naylon bottles fit on this sparkling insy injection molded of clear Loalin by Sterling Plastics Co.



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Above—Opaque and clear acetate are used in Carstairs Distillers Corp. thermometer display designed by Michael Saphier Associates and fabricated by Design Center

Below-These pipes of C. B. Weber & Co. remain dust free in a case which is fabricated from sheets of Lumarith



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The three steps in a new method of embossing acrylic are shown here. At top are two different clay models; immediately below is casting; at bottom is finished acrylic embossing made by pressing acrylic sheet against casting

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Textolite laminated plastics—A booklet published by the Plastics Div., General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass., gives facta on the more than 50 grades of laminated Textolite in sheet, tube and rod form. It includes data on materials for bearings, silent gears, decorative surfaces and many other applications. The properties of the material are given as well as descriptions on how to fabricate the material.

Paraplex for laminating and casting applications—The Paraplex P series of resins, manufactured by The Resinous Products & Chemical Co., Washington Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., is described in this booklet that the company has just issued. This series is based on unsaturated polyesters combined with a reactive monomer and finds the greatest use in laminating and casting applications. Designated as P-10, P-13, P-33 and P-43 the resins range from unusually pliable to completely rigid in the order given. How these resins are used in casting, laminating, bonding, molding, impregnating, coating, etc., is explained. Charts and tables give the physical properties of the resins.

A glossary—B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., Cleveland 15, Ohio, has issued a pocket-sized leaflet which lists 127 frequently used technical words, terms and phrases of both the plastic and the rubber industries.

Brushing lacquers, Pentalyn resins, CMC, Resin 731—A booklet on these subjects, Hercules Chemist No. 17 and Form 961, has been published by Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington 99, Del. Brushing lacquers are discussed, with tables suggesting starting formulas. The formulations, tests and results made with Pentalyn resins, for exterior varnishes and primer enamels, are covered. Information on CMC, the water-soluble, film-

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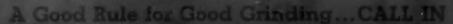
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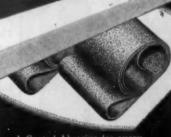
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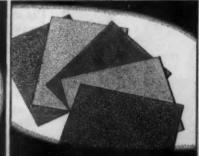
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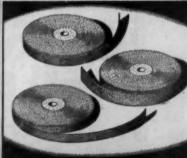
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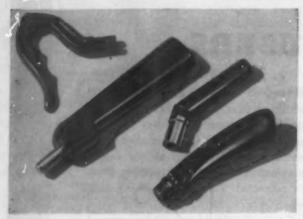


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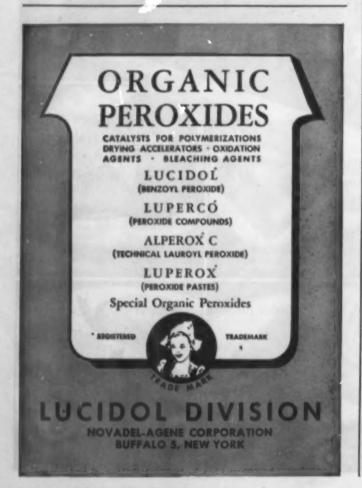
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New profits through sensible depreciation-The factor of obsolescence in figuring depreciation of productive equipment, or machine tools, is simply and graphically presented in this booklet distributed by Kearney & Trecker Corp., Milwaukee 14, Wis. Because matters concerning wages, prices and production are inseparably linked with the efficiency of machine tools, the booklet explains these connections and offers suggestions to plants for solving their cost-of-production problems.

Mechanical handling of paper, cloth, etc.—In Bulletin No. 120, John Waldron Corp., New Brunswick, N. J., gives general information concerning the mechanical handling of paper, clota, artificial leather, transparents and materials to be processed in web form. The bulletin is fully illustrated and contains references to equipment for unroll, tension control, converting, festooning, conveying, guide winding.

Synthetic resins and allied products-Catalog No. 772 lists the products of Alkydol Laboratories, Inc., 3242 S. 50th Ave., Cicero 50, Ill., in a well-organized, simplified method. Constants of solution, driers recommended and the drying and film properties of each of the company's 29 alkyd resins are given. Information on the ester gums and phenolic resins includes: characteristics, solubility, compatibility and recommended uses. Subject and "suggested use" indexes make information easily available.

Dutrex for the coating material industries-Shell Oil Co., Inc., 50 W. 50th St., New York City, has just released this booklet, its latest on its Dutrex resinous plasticizers and film-forming extenders. Comprehensive tables, charts and pictures explain the composition of the material, its properties, how it is used in lacquers, varnishes, tung oil, paints, adhesives, binders.

Res-O-Dors-The ten formulations of this agent, used to impart a pleasing fragrance to products made of plastic-coated materials, are described in Technical Bulletin 47-3 of Givaudan-Delawanna, Inc., 330 W. 42nd St., New York City. These agents are inexpensive and easy to use and will not affect the plastic material. They can be used in a wide variety of plastic-coated materials such as those used for food covers, umbrellas, toy coverings, shower curtains and automobile upholstery.

The improved surface pyrometer-An all-purpose instrument, the Pyro, with interchangeable extension arms and thermocouples, is described by the Pyrometer Ir strument Co., 103 Lafayette St., New York City, in their catalog No. 160. Any surface (metallic or non-metallic) temperature may be measured by the instrument that is made to withstand rugged treatment while giving precise measurements.

Striated plywood panel-Weldex, designed for use in homes, offices, restaurants and commercial establishments, is a moistureproof and waterproof striated plywood panel. An illustrated brochure on this material, to aid paneling plans and problems, may be obtained by writing to United States Plywood Corp., 55 W. 44th St., New York City.

Radio frequency heating and use of glue in prefab operations-Two bulletins just recently received are from the Technical Service Div., Casein Co. of America, 350 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. The publications of this Div. of the Borden Co. cover the use of radio frequency heating for gluing wood-what kind of glues should be used and how—and also the uses of glue in prefabricated houses. The latest methods of applying the bonding agents and up-to-date techniques for applying pressure and speeding the curing of the adhesives are described in the pamphlet "Glued Prefabricated Houses." (Please turn to next page)

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Information on high vacuum distillation—The methods of molecular distillation, as well as a description of the laboratory equipment employed, are put forth in this well-illustrated presentation of Distillation Products, Inc., 755 Ridge Road West, Rochester 13, N. Y. The two methods include ordinary distillation and abort-path distillation. Various stills, produced by the company and described in this booklet, are: pot type, thin layer (gravity and centrifugal) types, and intermediate laboratory stills. A bibliography of literature on distilling is also listed in a section of this booklet.

Reports and data on German patents and research in the textile industry—Research Information Service, 501 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., has been authorized by the Department of Commerce to translate and publish information on German research. A complete listing of presently available translations, together with the charges for this information may be obtained from the firm.

Abrasion-testing aids—Four newly improved abraser accessories as well as a complete line of specialized accessories for use with the Taber abraser are covered in Bulletin 4702. Available from the Taber Instrument Corp., 111 Goundry St., North Tonawanda, N. Y., this brochure reviews such attachments as a vacuum pickup unit for continuously removing abradings from wear-track on specimen being tested and an interval timer to control test operating period.

Building savers—A 16-page catalog to help maintenance engineers, contractors and builders in product selection for all types of industrial and residential buildings has been issued by the Building Products Div., L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc., 88 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Versatility—The many applications that can be molded of Beetle are described and profusely illustrated in this publication of British Industrial Plastics Ltd., London. Special attention is also given Beetle cements, resin binders, coating resins and textile and paper resins.

Many British companies engaged in the plastic industry have contributed in furnishing illustrative and informative material for this booklet which is printed on fine stock, has a pleasing appearance and an excellent format.

Coated abrasives—A handbook and digest of coated abrasive technology, written by E. B. Gallaher, has been published by the Clover Mfg. Co. The importance of coated abrasives in the production of plastic, metal, wood and leather products is especially stressed and installation photographs supplement the comprehensive text. This booklet may be obtained for 25 cents from the company, Norwalk, Conn.

Multi-operation chucking machine—Complete information about the recently introduced Hardinge multi-operation chucking machine is presented by Hardinge Brothers, Inc., Elmira, N. Y., in a new publication.

Controlled bending of thin metals—The Chicago Metal Hose Corp., Maywood, Ill., have announced the availability of their new G-47 catalog defining and explaining the science of "Flexonics" or controlled bending of thin metals for use under varying temperature, pressure and corrosion conditions. Separate sections of the catalog are devoted to the various products made by the company.

Tool catalog—A supplement (GT-199) to its catalog (GT-175R), listing new products, specifications and price changes, has been issued by and is available from Carboloy Co., Inc., Detroit 32, Mich. Included in the listing is a new line of standard solid boring bars.



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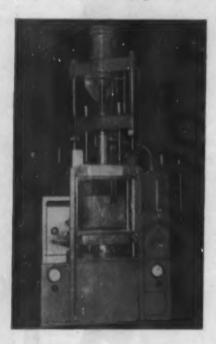


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## New Machinery and Equipment

Two-oz. and 4-oz. vertical injection molding machines—Watson-Stillman Co. of Roselle, N. J., has announced Model 2E-36, a 2-oz. vertical injection molding machine, and Model 4E-100, a 4-oz. vertical injection molding machine. Both are completely hydraulically operated machines. The 2-oz. machine



is arranged for motor drive and powered by vanetype oil pumping equipment. It is manually controlled, possessing all the features of larger molding machines with the exception of automatic cycling. Specifications include: plasticizing capacity of cylinder per hour, 25 lb.; maximum cycles per hour, 300; injection pressure per sq. in., 19,000 lb.; maximum hydraulic system pressure, 1200 lb.: clamping capacity, 36 tons; daylight opening, 15 in.; minimum

die thickness, 7 in.; rated maximum power consumption of heat units, 2.0 kilowatts.

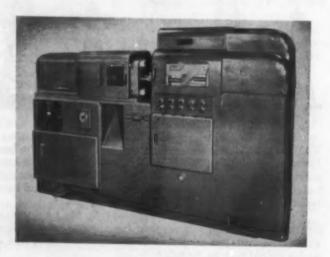
The 4-oz. machine is powered by a rotary type oil pump and is furnished complete with valves and all electrical equipment including the motors. Two Wheeleo Electronic indicating Capacitrol instruments are standard equipment. The feeder is of the self-compensation type. Mold setup time with the straight hydraulic clamp and horizontal platens is reduced to a minimum. The four-column design permits full accessibility to the mold and for mounting auxiliary molding equipment. Specifications include: plasticizing capacity of cylinder per hour, 40 lb.; maximum hydraulic cycles per hour, 360 lb.; injection pressure per eq. in., 27,000 lb.; maximum hydraulic system pressure, 2000 lb.; clamping pressure, 100 tons; daylight opening, 22 in.; minimum die thickness, 10 in. and rated maximum power consumption of heat units, 3.6 kilowatts.

Gap frame hydraulic press—A 20-ton gap frame hydraulic press adapted to all metal forming operations within capacity as well as drawing, bending, straightening, forcing, riveting, crimping, piercing, staking and assembly has been announced by the Northern Tool & Machine Co. of Melrose Park, Ill. Of all steel welded construction, this portable, self-contained unit occupies 18 by 36 in. of floor space. It has 8 in. of throat, a 12-in. stroke and a platen 12 by 17 inches.

Variable speed transmission—The Oilgear Co., 1301–1417 W. Bruce St., Milwaukee 4, Wis., has introduced a new variable speed transmission suitable for wire coating and rewinding machines, amall draw benches, grinding wheel head drives, starch machine

conveyors, carriage drives, etc. To accommodate the cycle and functional requirements of a wide variety of applications, this transmission has hand screw control for setting of output shaft speed, a hydraulic servo-motor lever control for instant and stepless variation of output shaft speed in either direction, a hydraulic two-speed control and electric three-position remote control. It has an input speed of 1750 r.p.m. maximum, output speed variable up to 1600 r.p.m., starting torque of 125 in.-lb. and normal continuous torque of 90 in. pounds.

Injection molding machine-The Fellows Gear Shaper Co., Springfield, Vt., has announced the Fellows-Leominster 1B-2 injection molding machine which has a molding capacity of 2 oz. per shot and plasticizing capacity of 45 lb. per hour. These features, together with the 30-in. casting area, 150-ton clamp, 5-in. stroke and ample platen area for molds up to 101/2 by 131/2 in. or a No. 2 D.M.E. standard mold base, make the machine suited for production runs of small hardware, jewelry, novelty and industrial items. The injection head is mounted on a movable slide, hydraulically actuated and mechanically locked while molding. Changeovers for different materials or colors are simplified due to the hinged hopper. One main feature of this machine is the design of the separator and the heating cylinder. The outer circumference or fins on this separator are tapered being smaller at the nozzle end-and are made to accommodate the tapered bore in the heating cylinder. Between the separating fins are semicircular channels or grooves, the bottoms of which



are located equidistant from the axis of the separator. This type of separator and cylinder design facilitates the flow and uniform plasticizing of the material. A perfect fit is said to be maintained at all times between the two components preventing the lodging of any material between the fins on the separator and the walls of the heating cylinder.

#### Sorry!

In the machinery item on the Dodge expanding insert put out by the Phelps Mfg. Co., 48 Leavenworth St., Waterbury, Conn., which appeared on page 172 of the July issue, the name of the company was incorrectly carried as the Dodge Mfg. Co.

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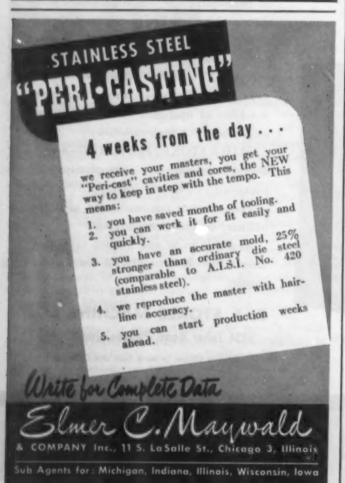
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Dryer-preheater—The A-C Co., 913 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif., has introduced a dryer-preheater which is available in a two-pan and a three-pan model. Using this machine, contents are thoroughly mixed and agitated throughout the heat-



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switch controls each bank of lights, insuring positive heat control. Three-pan model features six 250-watt infrared drying-heating lamps to each bank. It has a capacity of 75 to 85 lb. per hour and can be used for two or more presses or can be used for continuous extrusion molding.

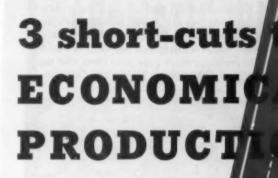
Shaft machine kits—Foredom Electric Co., 27 Park Place, New York City, has announced that its portable heavier dutyflexible shaft machine kits are now available in prewar quality

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All-purpose clamp—Trico Fuse Mfg. Co., N. Fifth at W. Chambers streets, Milwaukee 12, Wis., has introduced the U-66 all-purpose Kliplok clamp which can be attached to ends of cords on portable equipment such as sanding machines, saws, drills and welders. It supplies a vise-like grip on flat or round objects up to 1 in. in diameter, such as fuse clips, meter or motor terminals, lugs, screws and battery posts. The clamp will carry up to 150 amperes continuously and 200 amperes intermittently.



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Multiple-unit molding press—Lake Erie Engineering Corp. Buffalo 17, N. Y., has introduced a four unit molding press with four double acting upstroke rams of 50-ton capacity each, operated by a central pumping unit and equipped with individual pushbutton controls. Control equipment for each of the four units consists of a hydraulic pressure gage, cure timer with signal light, breathe timer and hold timer. Levers are provided for



operating the stripper mechanisms. The control system enables the operator to set up for inching or semi-automatic operation and single or double breathing. Hold and breathe periods are adjustable from 3 to 60 sec. and cure period is adjustable up to 20 minutes. Hydraulic pressure on the four rams is individually adjustable up to a maximum of 50 tons. The press is 12 ft. 9 in. long by 8 ft. high. Each of the four platens measures 18 in. square. Daylight between platens is 24 in. and each ram has a 12-in. stroke.

Spring hinge—A spring hinge designed for use in plastic boxes and permitting precision installation of lids without gaps between lid and box has been developed by Cavu, Inc., Box 392, Downey, Calif. Installation requires no special jigs or fixtures, latch,

rivets or drilled holes. It fits either 90 or 180° opening covers.

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#### Letters

#### Vinyl paste in England

Our British correspondent spent some time checking up on the results obtained from uses of vinyl paste in England. After talking to various processors he has sent us the following summary of his observations:

- 1. Paste spreaders claim that doctor blade coating is more economical than calendering since the paste is spread cold and does not require heated calender rollers.
- 2. Calenderers claim that their bond is the stronger since the compound is forced into the interstices of the fabric. They admit, however, that to make the bond effective they have to lay an anchor coat first. The paste spreaders claim that their bond is the better for the paste seeps into interstices before gelation sets in.
- 3. For speed of fabrication the upholstery trade tear their leather cloths. They do not cut the strips necessary for covering the narrower parts of chairs, such as the arms. Therefore a leather cloth, whether cellulose nitrate or P.V.C., must tear straight. This will only happen if the fabric backing can tear straight. The paste spreaders claim that their method avoids all danger of distortion in the fabric backing because little pressure is exerted on the backing. They say that a careless or unskilled calender operator can give a twist to the fabric backing so that the warp and weft are not at right angles. Upholsterers look at the back side of a coated fabric before they look at the face to see whether the fabric is distorted. If it is they know that the tears will not go straight and they reject the material.
- 4. The amount of tackiness permissible in a sheet for curtaining would rule out a material for upholstery. Lord Nuffield (our Henry Ford) has taken a personal interest in P.V.C. coated materials for his car upholstery but turned down the first batches shown him on account of this tackiness, for in an automobile it is essential to have a dry and glossy surface for sliding in and out (an important point in small cars). This tackiness can be removed by a top dressing of a synthetic resin emulsion specially prepared for the job. This emulsion is spreadable by the same coating machine after the P.V.C. coat has gelled. It does not add much to the coat and is, in fact, a very necessary finish.
- 5. Vinyl Products Ltd., makers of Vinatex paste (from I.C.I. Corvic polymer) started paste making three years ago. They say the development of paste was due in the first place to shortages of solvents necessary for calendering compound. They have a range of

This letters section, which will appear periodically, is devoted to excerpts from letters that seem, to the editors, to be of significance to the industry

- a dozen standard pastes of varying viscosities. Between 80 and 90 percent of their paste goes into the coating of leather cloths.
- 6. They say pastes are more economical than compounds for no building up of coats is necessary. The desired coating thickness can be achieved with one run through by setting the doctor blade to the required thickness.
- 7. To give a mat finish keep the curing temperature low and give longer time in oven. Raise temperature and reduce time for a gloss finish. A rough guide to normal practice would be one minute at 150° C. per <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> millimeter.
- 8. Ultimate tensile strength of a paste film varies according to the time and temperature of heating and ranges from 1000 to 2000 lb. per sq. in.

PAUL REILLY

#### A housewife wants plastics

Sir:

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- Small kitchen garbage receptacles (with push-up lid)
- 2) Large outside garbage cans
- 3) Trash baskets

No matter what precaution I take, such as using a paper bag in the garbage can, and wrapping all garbage in paper, I have a constant battle with rust. Frequent painting of can does not help a great deal.

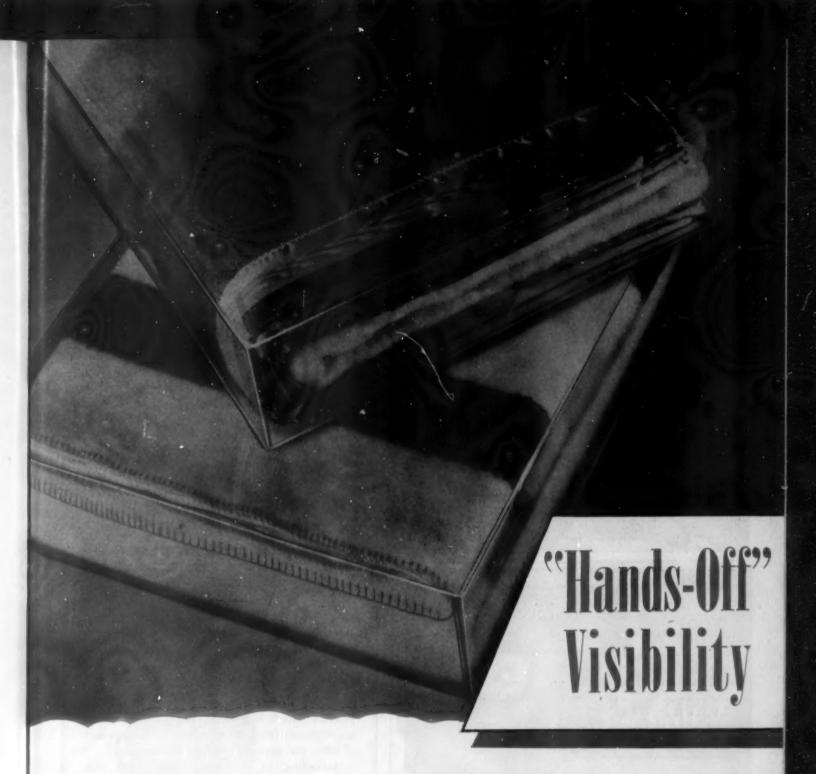
Mrs. J. C. Franklin Buckroe Beach, Va.

#### Plastics vocational school

Sir

About two years ago a plastic course was set up in the Leominster public school system in conjunction with the high school and trade school. Due to conditions which were unforeseen at the time, the plan and course itself were a failure.

After almost two years of effort on the part of a group of manufacturers interested in the plastic industry a technical institute has now been approved for the sole



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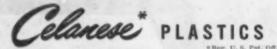
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purpose of training technicians for the plastic industry. This institute is State financed and operated separately from the public schools in Leominster with the exception that included in a board of directors are two members of the Leominster School Committee. Included in this board of directors are: Mr. Joseph Foster of the Foster-Grant Company and I, acting as representatives of the plastic industry; two members representing labor in the plastic industry; the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Director of the Institute and the Superintendent of Schools.

A real program is outlined which will include various phases of the plastic industry such as molding of all types, mold design, mold making, sample making, laboratory technicians, etc. A sum of money is expected from the State and Federal Governments which will purchase necessary equipment including injection molding machine, extrusion machine, laboratory equipment and special tool-making equipment for making molds. This new institute will allow people from all over the world to enroll and being established in a city which I still feel is the center of plastics, it will have at its fingertips a source of experience that will be of tremendous advantage to the institute.

J. A. KAVANAGH, vice-president Standard Tool Co. Leominster, Mass.

ANOTHER PLASTIC FLOOR COVERING, called Flor-Ever, has been brought on the market by the Delaware Floor Products, Inc., of Wilmington, Del. Produced in solid and mottled colors, the covering is made of Vinylite plastics which is given a waterproof asphalt impregnated felt back to minimize the amount of labor and expense involved in its laying.

According to the manufacturer this new vinyl floor covering will be competitive in price with present linoleum for the home. Available in continuous lengths, the flooring now being brought out is designed for home and office use. It is possible that it may be made in a heavier weight sometime in the future. The same glue that is now used in the laying of linoleum may be used with this vinyl product.

Objective testing laboratory reports state that this covering is extremely wear resistant and is inert to alkalis or acids found in cleaning agents. It possesses good flexibility, according to these tests, does not chip or crack and will not support combustion.

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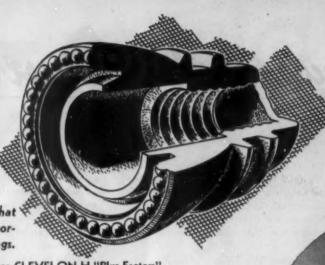
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### News of the Industry

The Chemical Plants Div. of Blaw-Knox Co., Pittsburgh 12, Pa., has contracted with Swift & Co. covering the construction of a modern chemical plant for the processing of fats. The new plant, to be located at Hammond, Ind., will produce glycerin for use in making synthetic resins and pharmaceuticals, and fatty acids for making soaps, cosmetics and chemical products.

Rohm & Haas Co., Washington Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., has announced a price reduction in its acrylic plastic molding powders. In quantities over 2000 lb., the new price of clear material is 70 cents a lb.; colored material is now 75 cents a lb. in quantities over 5000 pounds.

Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, will relinquish the manufacturing plant of its Duramold Div. at Jamestown, N. Y., and discontinue operations there in the near future.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington 98, Del., has announced price reductions for Lucite and polythene. Uncompounded polythene molding powder, with no coloring, is reduced from 53 to 50 cents a pound. Polythene molding powder, compounded in standard colors is reduced from 63 to 56 cents a pound. The cut in the price of acrylic resin molding powder averages 12 percent. In lots of 2000 lb. or more, clear transparent injection and extrusion acrylic molding powder is 70 cents a pound. Colored acrylic molding powders, for stock standard colors, are 75 cents a pound in lots of 5000 lb. or more.

The company has also announced that its foamed cellular cellulose acetate has been given the trademark Strux.

Springfield Moulders, Inc., with a plant located at Monson, Mass., near Springfield, has been formed by Victor E. Rosenlund, former sales engineer for Reed-Prentice Corp. and chief engineer of Rogers Plastic Corp. The firm will specialize in engineering and production sampling of new plastic applications, and injection molding with emphasis on economical production of short runs. Mr. Rosenlund's partner is Gilbert Stacy, former maintenance superintendent of Rogers Plastic Corp.

Rogers Associates, North Wilbraham, Mass., has been formed by Harry Rogers, formerly of Rogers Plastic Corp., to develop, sell and distribute plastic articles, and to provide the services of custom injection molding. The firm is a division of Plastic Turning Co., Inc., 511 Lancaster St., Leominster, Mass., injection molders and fabricators of Catalin and cast resins.

Plastics Industries Technical Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., with branches at New York and Chicago, has received the approval of the Veterans Administration for a home study course for veterans. It gives veterans the opportunity to improve their education and ability without interfering with their present activities. Honorably discharged veterans are eligible to apply for plastics training under the G. I. Bill and obtain this specialized course at home, at no cost to them.

An important feature of the Plastics Institute home study training is the complete working outfits of plastics materials which are an integral part of the course. The student is able to fabricate many interesting and valuable products which add to the practical value of his training.

Industry leaders are showing widespread interest in the home study training of veterans and are actively cooperating in the program. Many are recommending that their employees obtain this through a home study course of instruction from the largest and oldest plastics training institution in the country. It is available at no cost to either the student or the employer under the provisions of the G. I. Bill. The value of the training will be appreciable to both the veteran and employer because of the increased knowledge and efficiency which the employee can bring to his job.

United States Plywood Corp., 55 W. 44th St., New York City, the distributor, introduced a new upholstery material, Blanchardized Vinylite, at the Store Modernization Show which opened Monday, July 7, at Grand Central Palace, New York City. This material is said to have the highest resistance to scuffing of any plastic manufactured for use as upholstery, wall coverings and counter tops, will not stain, is not affected by most solvents, mild acids and alkalis, and will resist heat up to 180°. It is produced and decorated by the Blanchard Deco Plastics, Inc., of New Jersey.

Midwest Molding & Mfg. Co., 319 N. Whipple St., Chicago, Ill., announces the acquisition of an additional plant at Gurnee, Ill., near Waukegan. Effective about September 1, general offices of the company will be located at 4630 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Tarbonis Co., 4300 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio, manufactures a product, Tarbonis, that has been found most effective in providing therapeutic aid wherever cases of skin irritations and dermatitis occur due to the processing of plastics materials. Workers who are constantly exposed to phenol formaldehyde, unsaturated polyesters and other plastics often contract skin disturbances and find a need for afleviating the condition. Tarbonis, a long-established product, is a satisfactory protective agent for workers who continually contact the irritant, and a speedy cure for those who already suffer skin ailments.

Samples of the product are available to the plastics industry. The cream is odorless, greaseless and stainless, and will not soil hands, clothing or the work.

Plastics Molders Guild, Inc., 369 Lexington Ave., New York City, organized less than a year ago by seven injection molders in the metropolitan area, has increased its membership to 11. Through comparison of methods, techniques and types of plastics used, its members feel that better plastic products can be brought to the consumer at a fair price. The necessity for proper use of plastics is stressed. A Seal of Approval, denoting performance, integrity and economy has been developed by the Guild for use by its members.

Acryvin Corp. of America, 11-08 30th Ave., Astoria 2, Long Island, N. Y., has developed a quick setting, crystal clear or colored acrylic casting compound known as Acryvin. Because of quick setting property resin may be cast, it is said, at only a fraction of cost involved in casting other material. Supplied in liquid form, the shelf life of Acryvin varies from 3 to 24 months depending upon casting type and temperature of storage. Three types are available. Type A has high surface hardness, resistance to temperatures above that of boiling water and low



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Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis 4, Mo., has announced that contracts for the reconstruction of part of the plant destroyed in the Texas City disaster April 16 have been let to the W. S. Bellows Co. of Houston, Tex., and the Leonard Construction Co. of Chicago, Ill. Initial contracts total more than \$6,000,000.

The company has also announced development of a successful line of clear and colored surface finishes for polystyrene. These lacquers are said to overcome the tendency of solvents to produce crazing. The lacquers are either clear or pigmented, resistant to oil and will protect the polystyrene.

The Board of Interference Examiners has upheld patents issued in 1939, 1940 and 1944 to Gits Molding Corp., 4600 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill., relating to decorative articles formed of thermoplastic materials with a design embedded in them by recessing inwardly in the rear face to produce an illusionary effect. The characters formed by the recesses have the appearance of being embedded in the transparent body. The Board has upheld the Gits claim that they were first to conceive and first to reduce to practice the process and are, therefore, entitled to priority of invention.

J. J. Brown & Co., Inc., which specializes in roller embossing of vinyl films and polyethylene, has moved general offices from 675 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N. J., to 2017 Lower Rd., Linden, N. J.

Textile Colors Div. of Interchemical Corp., Fair Lawn, N. J., has announced the development of an improved line of dyes known as Interchem acetate dyes for dyeing acetate rayon and nylon. Because they are colloidized during manufacture, these dyes turn to paste quickly and thoroughly in warm water, with no undispersed particles.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh 22, Pa., has acquired the business of the Forbes Varnish Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturer of specialized production finishes. The new unit will continue operation as the Forbes Finishes Div. Finishes which will be turned out by this division comprise oleoresinous, phthalic alkyd, alkyd urea-melamine and nitrocellulose coatings.

The Fellows Gear Shaper Co., Springfield, Vt., has opened an office at Room 7706, Empire State Bldg., New York City.

#### Sorry!

On the coatings chart (No. 7) in Vol. III of the 1947 Modern Plasties Encyclopedia, Geon, a product of the B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., has been given an incorrect code number. Under the listings for Vinyl Chloride Resins and Vinyl Chloride—Vinylidene Chloride Copolymers, the Goodrich code number (23) should replace (24) after Geon in the Trade Names column; and should also replace (24) in the Manufacturers column. Revised Coatings Charts are being prepared and complimentary copies of this amended chart will be furnished on request to subscribers who have already received their 1947 Encyclopedias.

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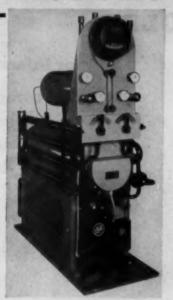
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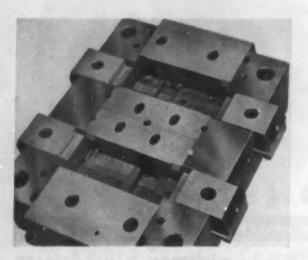
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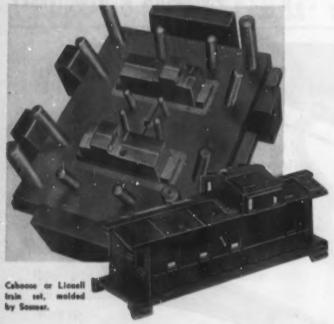
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Haskelite Mfg. Corp., 701 Ann St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich., has received WAA approval for the purchase of a building built during the war to accommodate certain highly specialized types of laminated materials. The building, adjacent to the company's original Grand Rapids plant, is completely air conditioned with about 230,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing floor space. It will be used for the manufacture of Plymetl (a lightweight panel of metal and plywood) and laminated products.

Snyder Chemical Corp. and F. H. Snyder Laboratories have moved from 420 Boston Post Rd., Larchmont to Bethel, Conn.

Ace Plastic Novelty Co. has opened a new plant at 91-30 Van Wyck Blvd., Jamaica 1, N. Y., This plant, occupying about 40,000 sq. ft. of space, combines injection molding with precision plastics fabricating operations. New equipment includes 8-oz. injection machines, additional automatic equipment for fabricating, as centerless grinding, drilling, an expanded toolroom.

Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp., 30 E. 42nd St., New York City, announces completion of a new plant at Texas City, Tex., for large scale production of ethylenediamine, diethylenetriamine, triethylenetetramine, tetraethylenepentamine and amino-ethylethanolamine. A highly reactive nature makes them useful in the synthesis of ion exchange resins, rubber accelerators, dyestuffs, photographic developers, synthetic waxes and resins, pharmaceuticals, corrosion inhibitors, insecticides.

Adhesive Products Corp., 1662 Boone Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y., has announced Griptex, a liquid rubber-plastic compound which makes rugs sproutproof, frayproof and skidproof. Applied by brush, spray gun, roller or doctor blade, Griptex forms a flexible film which anchors each individual tuft. It is said to be water-proof and can be used on hooked rugs, axministers, broadlooms, cotton-tufted, wool-tufted and braided rugs.

The company has also developed plastic tile cement which will hold plastic to concrete walls, painted surfaces and ceramic tiles. It is applied with a trowel and should be allowed to dry a few minutes before the plastic tile is placed in contact with the wall.

The Polymer Corp., Reading, Pa., has announced a price reduction of FMI nylon rods in diameters of 1 in. and below when purchased in quantities of 1000 ft. or more. Rods ½ in. in diameter now sell for 35 cents a foot while those 1 in. in diameter sell for \$2.15 a foot.

#### Personnel changes

It is with regret that we announce the death of Michael Joseph Callahan, manager of the Fabrics Div., Fabrics & Finishes Dept. of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., on June 25.

Dr. Ernest B. Benger, one of the country's outstanding research directors and an authority on synthetic fibers and films, retired from E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., June 25, the 30th anniversary of his employment there as research chemist.

Arthur E. Marsan, Miss Eleanor G. Sheridan, Miss Helen L. Robison and John Carlton Elliott have been added to the staff of Bjorksten Research Laboratories, 185 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Arthur L. Gardver, production manager of Monsanto Chemical Cos., Merrimac Div. at Boston, Mass., has been appointed assistant to the division general manager. Frank Reese has been named to lead the research mechanical development group at Springfield, Mass.

David C. Williams has been appointed assistant sales manager, Tenite Div., Tennessee Eastman Corp., with headquarters in Kingsport, Tenn. C. H. Penning, formerly of the Tenite Div.,

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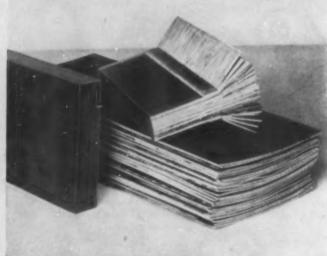
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Plasties Division

FARLEY & LOETSCHER MFG. CO.

has become assistant sales manager of the Chemical Sales Div. F. R. Meredith is Tenite Office Supervisor at Kingsport.

We regret to announce the death on June 14 of John Boyes, senior New York special representative for the Cellulose Products Sales Div. of Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y., at Summit, N. J., following a heart attack.

Reginald Rockwell was elected director of Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del., at a recent board of directors meeting.

J. E. Derham, managing director of Moulded Products Australasia, Ltd., Sydney, Australia, is spending several weeks in the United States on his way to England. In both countries he will study new developments in plastics. He reports that the thermoplastic industry has made only a bare beginning in Australia.

George H. Redlin, formerly treasurer and controller of the Haskelite Mfg. Corp., 701 Ann St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. was elected executive vice-president and controller at the May meeting of the board of directors. Paul Moore, president, was elected to the additional office of treasurer. The other principle executives remain unchanged with Victor S. Barnes, vice-president; E. W. Stoner, sales manager; William Verhey, factory manager; A. W. Faulconbridge, production manager; J. H. Jigelaar, director of research; J. A. Potchen, chief engineer and B. J. Werk, director of purchasing.

#### **Meetings**

The Society of The Plastics Industry Canada, Inc., has announced details of the Plastics Show to be held at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Ontario, from August 22 to September 6. The show will dramatize, through new product exhibits, new machinery developments and new fabricating techniques, the progress and potentials of plastics to the nation's industries. Some 24 companies have to date been assigned space in the Plastics Exhibit. They include: French Ivory Products, Ltd., Peckover's Ltd., Catalin Sales Co. of Canada, Synthetic Resins Ltd., M. Wintrob & Sons Ltd., T. W. Hand Fireworks Co. Ltd., Canadian Resins & Chemicals Ltd., Monsanto (Canada) Ltd., Hobbs Glass Ltd., Ontario Steel Products Co. Ltd., Duplate Canada Ltd., Canadian General Elec. Co. Ltd., Canadian Industries Ltd., Dow Chemical Canada Ltd., Percy Hermant Ltd., Haugh's Products Ltd., Electronic Devices Co. Ltd., Irvington Varnish & Insulator Co., Ltd., Somerville Ltd., Duley Plastics Ltd., Rowe Packaging Co. Ltd.

The Society also announced that the next annual meeting will be held at Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal on February 16 and 17.

Plastics Engineers Association of New York elected the following officers for the 1947-48 season at a recent meeting at the Yale Club in New York City: Nicholas Klein, Injection Molding Corp., president; C. W. Marcellus, Majestic Molded Products, Inc., vice-president; Islyn Thomas, Thomas Engineering Co., program director; Stanley Sapery, treasurer; David Murray, Boonton Molding Co., secretary.

Besides officers, the board of directors includes: D. Gray Maxwell of Waterbury Companies, chairman; C. J. Groos, Boonton Molding Co.; Fred B. Stanley, Modern Plastics magazine; Winslow A. Ward III, American Cyanamid Co.; H. Jamison, H. Jamison Co.; Edward H. Miller, Celanese Plastics Corp. and John P. Lein, Universal Plastics Corp.

The Cleveland Section of S.P.E. met June 25 at General Electric Co.'s Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio. Following dinner in the Nela Park cafeteria, members toured the lighting laboratories.



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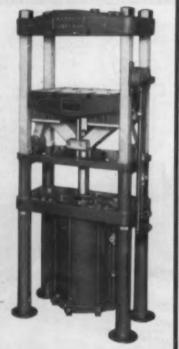
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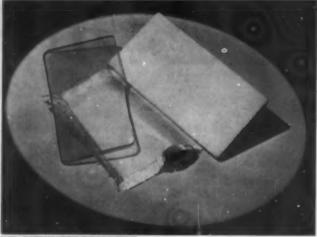


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#### New thermoset resin

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#### Composition and polymerization

Chemically, the liquid is diallyl phenyl phosphonate. Polymerization of the material itself is speeded in the presence of 2 to 3 percent organic peroxide as a catalyst, dissolved in the original liquid. The hardest resins have been obtained using a mixture of 3 percent benzoyl peroxide plus 0.5 percent tertiary butyl perbenzoate as a catalyst mixture. Clear sections of resin, 1/8 to 1/4 in. thick can be made at atmospheric pressure by curing 2 1/2 to 3 hr. while raising the temperature from 85 to 130° C.

The liquid monomer copolymerizes with other monomers such as: methyl methacrylate, vinyl acetate, diallyl phthalate, diallyl succinate, diallyl oxalate and unsaturated alkyd resin mixtures. When mixed with other monomers, completely new sets of properties are found in the copolymers. For instance, it has been found that by mixing the new resin with methyl methacrylate the resulting material possesses a good flame resistance. The resin also has the effect of making methacrylate, as well as vinyl acetate, thermosetting instead of thermoplastic.

#### Properties of the resin

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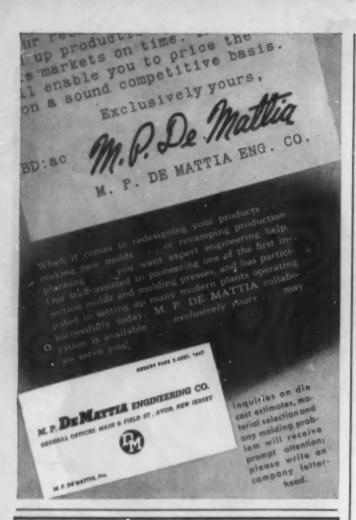
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characteristic it should be noted that the resin is insoluble in ether, acetone, benzene, butyl acetate, naphtha, alcohol, carbon tetrachloride, water, 5 percent hydrochloric acid solution and 5 percent caustic soda solution. It has proved stable when immersed in 30 percent sulfuric acid at 150° F. for more than 5 days.

Other properties of the resin, which is obtainable in the formof a thin liquid monomer or a pre-polymer syrup, include a specific gravity of 1.1 plus, and a Rockwell hardness (when in pure form) of M-95. In spite of hardness, the resin is said to have good machining properties and be easy on the tools. Storage does not present a problem since the monomer may be kept indefinitely and the pre-polymer for at least 6 weeks. Moisture and weather resistance are excellent. Index of refraction of pure Victor plastic is approximately 1.57, a figure higher than any but optical glass. Not only does this fact cause improvement in appearance of common plastics when copolymerized with them, but it makes possible the production of clear sheets of plastic with an adjusted index of refraction.

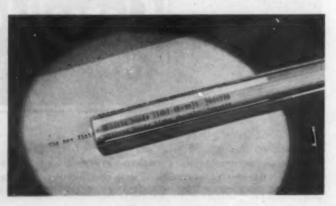
#### Probable applications

An official of the Victor Chemical Works had the following to say regarding the uses for the new resin:

"It is too early to predict in what manner our plastic will find widest application. The flame resistance suggests coating use for flammable decorations or veneers and as windows in passenger aircraft. The high index of refraction suggests transparent laminates strong enough to support themselves in outdoor illuminated display work and hail-proof greenhouse lights. The insolubility suggests use in chemical equipment and in storage battery cases. The hadness suggests copolymers for machined parts and for optical use. We think the greater possibilities for the resin will be found as a complement to other plastics."

Due to the excellent light refraction of the material it has recently been suggested that it be used with other materials as a substitute for glass. Especially notable in this respect is the fact that it can be matched to the index of refraction of glass cloth, permitting the production of glass cloth laminated structures with approximately 95 percent transparency.

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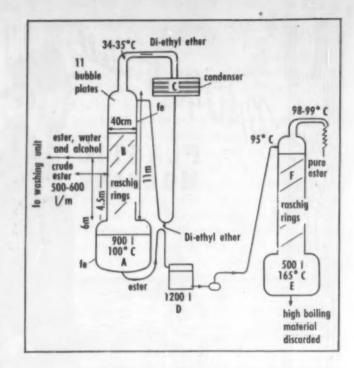
#### Acrylate polymers

(Continued from page 148) reaction vessel is paste-like and contains about 70 percent ammonium sulfate, water and some acrylic acid. This is run off continuously and discarded.

Acrylic acid solutions of higher concentration are not made because of difficulties caused by polymerization. The output per unit per day is 1800 kg. (calcd. as 100 percent acrylic acid). Two units are installed and are undamaged. The yield of acrylic acid is 85 to 90 percent based on cyanohydrin.

Butyl acrylate-Butyl acrylate is not made directly from ethylene cyanohydrin but from acrylic acid. A mixture of 2000 l. 50 percent acrylic acid, 1430 l. butanol, 2 l. 78 percent sulfuric acid and 500 gm. hydroquinone is made and fed at rate of 160 to 180 l. per hr. into the center of column B (Fig. 4) packed with Raschig rings. The evaporator A has a capacity of 1000 l. and is at a temperature of 115° C. A mixture of water and butanol is distilled, condensed, separated and the butanol returned to the system, entering about the middle of the column. The water layer containing about 7 percent butanol is distilled in separate apparatus.

The contents of the evaporator A are transferred through a pipe 15 cm. below the surface of the liquid to a second evaporator C heated at 138 to 140° C. The entering liquid in the second evaporator contains 75 to 80 percent butyl ester together with batanol and water. This is distilled, condensed, separated and the butyl ester with some butanol returned to the evaporator C. The column D has no packing. The crude ester is run off through a pipe 15 cm. below the surface of the liquid in the second evaporator C. The purity of the ester is 90 to 92 percent. If there is too much water in the ester, the temperature in the second evaporator cannot be maintained at 138 to 140° C. In order to

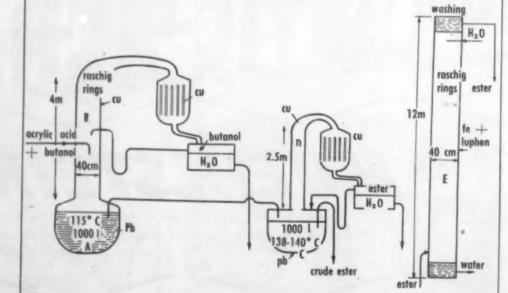


3-Set-up for purification of ethyl acrylate monomer

remedy this situation the inflow of reactants is reduced.

The crude ester is stored and then washed continuously with cold water. This is done in a tower E packed with Raschig rings. The ester enters near the bottom and the water near the top. One part of crude ester is treated with six to eight parts of water. Water containing butanol, acrylic acid and a little sulfuric acid is run off at the bottom. The butanol in the water is recovered by distillation. The ester from the top of the column is 94 to 95 percent pure.

It is finally purified by batch steam distillation in a plant similar to that used for the methyl ester (Fig. 2). The evaporator is charged and steam is blown over the surface to remove all air from the apparatus. The raw ester is heated to 80° C. and steam is blown through;



-Equipment set-up for the production of butyl acrylate monomer



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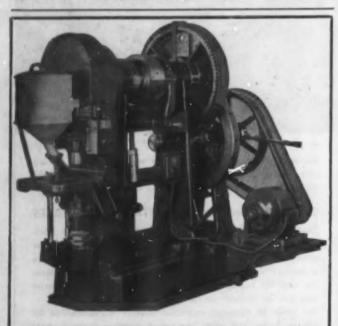
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The normal yield of butyl acrylate is 85 to 88 percent, based on acrylic acid. There are two units for esterification, both undamaged. The output of crude ester was 85 tons per month. The two units for distillation can handle a total of 120 to 130 tons per month.

#### Acrylic polymers

Emulsion polymers—Emulsion polymerization is carried out batchwise in two vessels. The first is a premixing enameled tank which is jacketed for cooling water and is fitted with a paddle-type stirrer. Water and the emulsifying agent are run in followed by acrylic acid, if a mixed polymer containing the free acid is being made. The free acid is neutralized with sodium hydroxide to pH 7–8. Then the other monomers are added and finally the catalyst. The mixture must be kept cool to prevent the reaction starting.

The main reaction vessel is an enameled kettle fitted with a direct-drive paddle-type stirrer driven at 30 r.p.m. by a 3 kw. motor. A reflux condenser with aluminum tubes and return pipe is also attached. There is an inlet at the top for nitrogen and the dis-

persion is discharged from the bottom.

Fifteen to 20 percent of reaction mixture is added from the premixing tank, the stirrer started and the mixture heated to 70 to 80° C. When the reaction starts, noted by reflux (after 1/2 to 3/4 hr.), the rest of the reaction mixture from the premixing tank is added gradually over a period of 2 to 3 hours. The reaction at this stage is not usually complete, but requires a further 1 to 11/2 hr. at 80 to 90° C. The temperature should be kept within this range by heating or cooling as required. The catalyst used is 0.05 percent of potassium persulfate (K2S2O8) or 0.5 percent of hydrogen peroxide (30 percent); the amount in both cases is calculated on the weight of monomer. The end of the polymerization is controlled chiefly by viscosity or by solids content. After polymerization there usually remains a trace of monomer which is removed by passing a stream of nitrogen over the surface for 1/2 hr. while temperature is 80 to 90° C. It is then cooled to 35° C.

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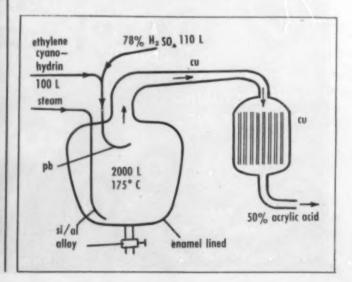
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1375 kg.	Butyl acrylate
1375 kg.	Vinyl acetate
50 kg.	Acrylic acid
25 kg.	Amphoseife 18
25 kg.	Emulphor 0 (made from 20 mols ethylene oxide and 1 mol octa- decyl alcohol or C <sub>15</sub> -C <sub>17</sub> fatty al- cohols (Fischer-Tropsch)
0.05 percent	Potassium persulfate (based on monomers)
2500 kg.	Water

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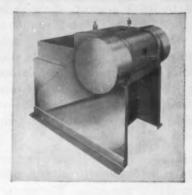
1450	kg.	Ethyl acrylate
440	kg.	Vinyl isobutyl ether
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44	kg.	Amphoseife 18 (100 percent)
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Solution polymers—The solution polymerization process is similar to that described for emulsion polymerization. A more powerful motor (20 to 25 kw.) is used and the stirrer is driven at 20 to 30 r.p.m. The solvents commonly worked with are ethyl acetate, benzene, benzine and toluene. The catalyst employed is 0.1 to 0.5 percent of benzoyl peroxide, based on

5-Production of acrylic acid monomer



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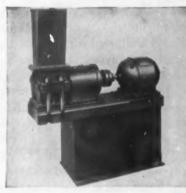


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monomer. The K-value is controlled in some cases by the addition of aldehydes to promote termination reaction. The aldehydes used are propyl and butyl in amounts from 0.008 to 0.015 percent of monomer. Acetaldehyde is not used because of handling difficulties. The K-value varies from 45 up to 70. Solid contents are 25 to 40 percent for high viscosity polymers and 50 to 60 percent for low viscosity polymers and 50 to 60 percent for low viscosity polymers and polymers containing acrylic acid are not made by solution polymerization, as ester interchange occurs and the free acrylic acid polymerizes in solution, giving incompatible polymers.

Aqueous solution polymers—These are prepared by saponifying emulsion polymers with potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide or ammonia. The products are sold under the trade name Latekol. The reaction is carried out in a kneader made of V2A or V4A stainless steel. The mixer is closed and fitted with a condenser. The dispersion of emulsion polymer to be used is charged to the kneader and part of the saponifying agent is added (5 to 10 percent excess of a 50 percent aqueous sodium or potassium hydroxide, or up to 20 percent excess of 25 percent aqueous ammonia). The reaction usually starts spontaneously and the products heat up to 80 to 90° C. by exothermic heat. The remainder of the saponifying agent is added and the reaction is continued until an opalescent solution is obtained. This process requires 8 to 12 hr. for a batch of 3 to 4 tons. During the reaction the mixture becomes very viscous in the intermediate stages. When reaction is complete, the mass is neutralized with sulfuric acid to pH 8-9. The liberated alcohols are recovered.

Solid polymers—Acrylic esters cannot be conveniently polymerized by block polymerization owing tothe violence of the exothermic reaction. Solid products are therefore made from dispersions by adding electrolytes, filtering off the polymer, washing, rolling and drying. The process is done in an open vessel fitted with a stirrer. This vessel is charged with 1500 liters of a 0.5 to 1.0 percent solution of the electrolyte. The electrolytes used are the chlorides of magnesium, calcium and aluminum; of these, aluminum chloride is preferred. Formic acid is used when the polymers are required for special purposes where the presence of an electrolyte would be objectionable. The formic acid is decomposed or evaporated during subsequent processing. The electrolyte solution is stirred and 1500 liters of a 25 percent dispersion are added slowly so that the temperature does not rise above 25° C. The polymer precipitates in flocculates of about 1 cm. These are filtered and passed to washing rolls. One of the washing rolls is fluted; the other is plain. The material runs on the plain roll and there is a stream of water running between the rolls. By the action of the fluted rolls, efficient washing is obtained. The material is finally cut off and sheeted in plain rolls. It is then cut into strips and dried in a vacuum oven at temperatures up to 70° C. Sheets of isobutyl acrylate polymer are dusted with talc to prevent sticking during drying.

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#### Effect of pH

(Continued from page 146) of the resin varies with the formaldehyde ratio rather than with the amount of the catalyst.

#### Reactivity of resorcinol resins

Reactivity of resorcinol resins of varying pH with formaldehyde was determined by preparing 100 grams of 50 percent aqueous resin solution for each sample. Each was cooled to room temperature (25° C.) and to each was added 25 grams of commercial 37 percent formaldehyde. The time of addition was noted and each mixture was observed carefully until it had formed a hard gel which was used to indicate the substantial completion of the reaction. The results of these determinations are shown in Table III.

A method of separating those extremely reactive resins in the lower and neutral pH ranges was needed. For this purpose resin solutions were prepared using 50 grams of resin with 50 grams of solution containing: 1) 33½ percent alcohol and 66½ percent water, 2) 66½ percent alcohol and 33½ percent water, and 3) 100 percent alcohol. After the solutions had been cooled to room temperature the 25 gram portion of 37 percent formaldehyde solution was added to each and the time to gel was observed. These results are presented in Table IV.

It was desired to have a faster method of evaluating the slow resins and accordingly they were tested on a hot plate maintained at 140° F. The test was performed by taking the desired resin and formaldehyde mixture and removing the amount necessary to cover a ½-in. wide spatula blade about 1 in. up on the blade. This was transferred to the hot plate and left undisturbed. Cure was considered satisfactory when the film was tough and could be stripped from the plate. The results of these tests are shown in Table III.

Following the completion of these studies other tests were made wherein the resin used had no catalyst whatsoever. The solutions were prepared and the pH adjusted by the addition of concentrated solutions of alkali or acid. The formaldehyde was then added

Table III.—Reactivity of Aqueous Resorcinol Resin Solutions of Varying pH

(Ratio of formaldehyde to resorcinol in the resin was 0.67:1.0)

pH of 50% aqueous solution	Gel time of 100 aqueous solution of 37% formald	n with 25 gm.
	Unheated	Heated to 140° F.
1.92	5 min.	
2.96	>30 hr.	20 min.
5.11	7 hr.	10 min.
5.78	41/2 hr.	$8^{1}/_{3}$ min.
6.23	23/4 hr.	$6^{1}/_{3}$ min.
6.51	· 1 hr.	41/2 min.
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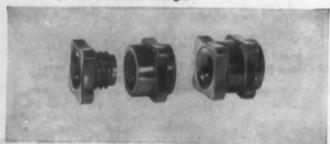
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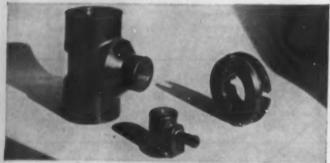
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Table IV.—Reactivity of Alcoholic Solutions of Resorcinol

(Ratio of formaldehyde to resorcinol in the resin was 0.67:1.0)

pH of 50% aqueous solution	Gel time of 100 gm. of 50% resin solution with 2.5 gm. of 37 percent formaldehyde added					
	1/2 alcohol 2/2 water	2/2 alcohol 1/2 water	100% alcohol			
	hr.	hr.	hr.			
2.96	>30	>30	>30			
5.11	>30	>30	>30			
5.78	>30	>30	>30			
6.23	3	$3^{1}/_{2}$	41/4			
6.51	2	21/2	3			
6.65	$1^{1/2}$	2	21/2			
6.90	11/4	11/2	13/4			
7.01	3/4	11/4	13/4			
7.11	1/2	3/4	1			

and the time to gel noted. These results correlated with the others so well that they are not given in this article.

The acid pH range has been discussed only in a cursory manner. This was largely because extensive study had shown the damage done to cellulosic fibers by resin adhesives of strongly acid character, which directed the study into the more neutral compounds.

It is interesting to note that the ultimate commercial product<sup>8</sup> which was developed, and which is now so well exemplified in the commercial room temperature setting resorcinol resins, had a pH in reaction mixture of almost precisely 7.0, varying in laboratory control tests from 6.85 to 7.08. A number of new patents have recently been issued on resorcinol resins.9, 10, 11, 12

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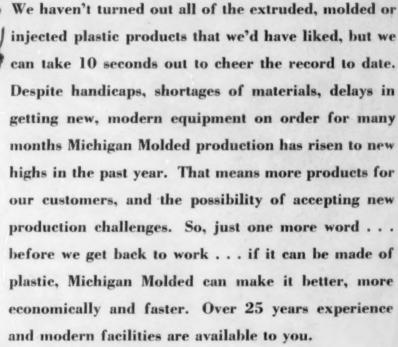
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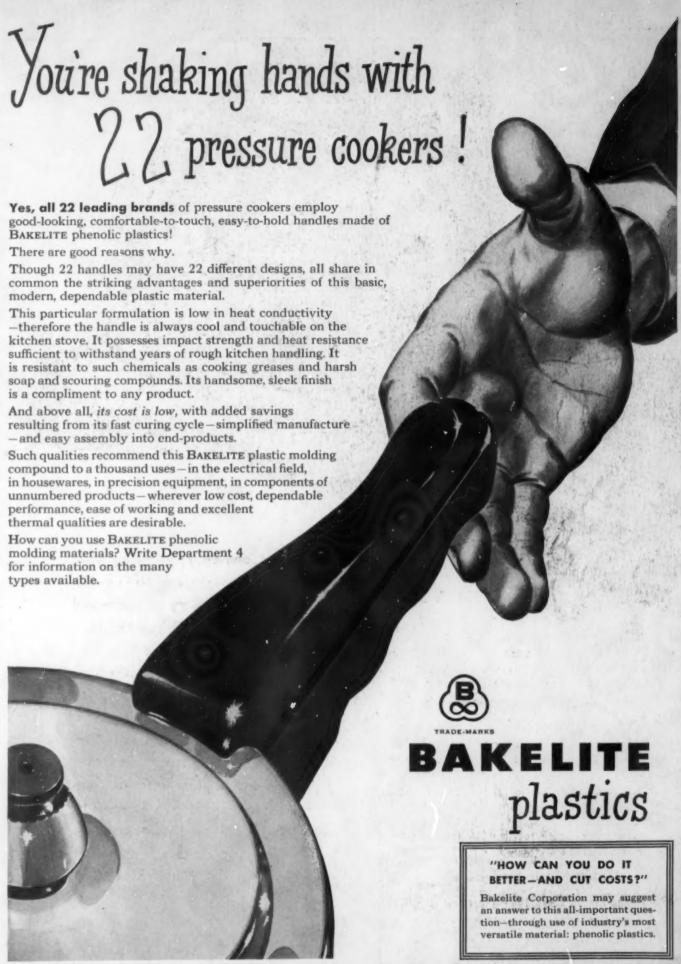


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